

HISASHI  
SAKAGUCHI

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Glenat



REMEMBER TO READ THIS MANGA FROM LEFT TO RIGHT,  
NOT RIGHT TO LEFT!

For a message to Shigeru Nakayoshi, who is and shall  
remain one of the best manga authors ever...

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おほきな人をまよはせるかな

おほくの人をまよはせるかな

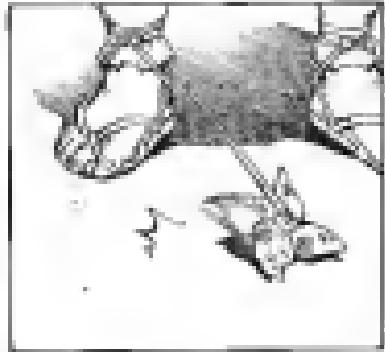
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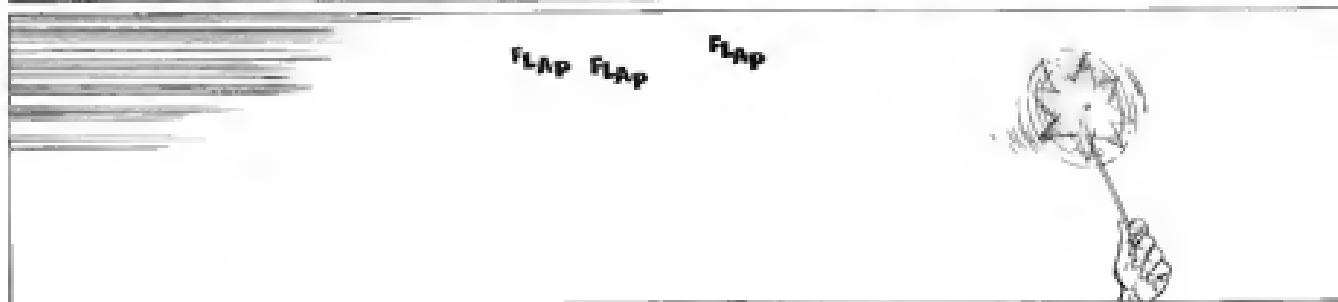
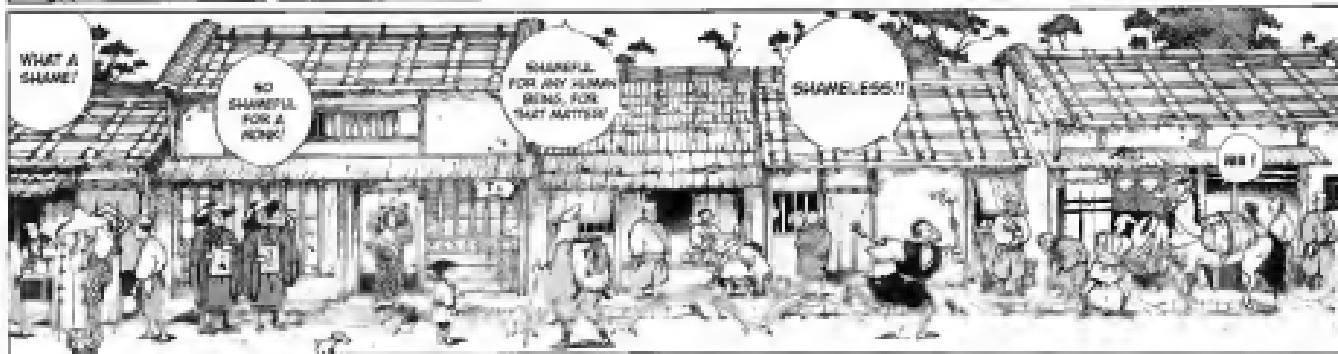
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SHAKA, THAT IMPREVEIOUS MAN WHO HAD MORE  
THAN ONE MAN DOUBTING!  
THE TEACHING OF BUDDHA IS LIKE A STONE BEARD,  
IT IS THE NOISE OF THE PAINTED BARRIO.









Ikkya

VOLUME 1

CHAPTER 1  
A RESOURCEFUL KID!

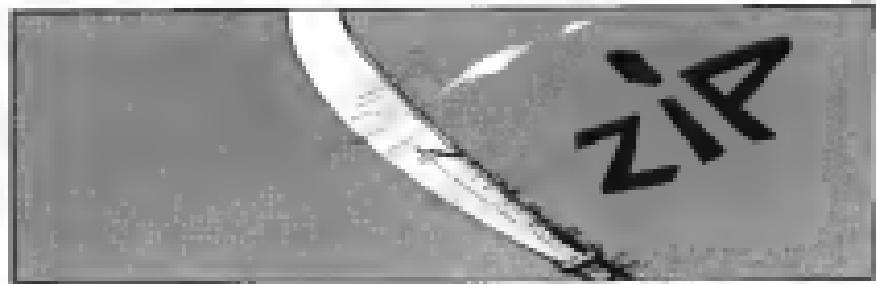
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「どんち小僧」

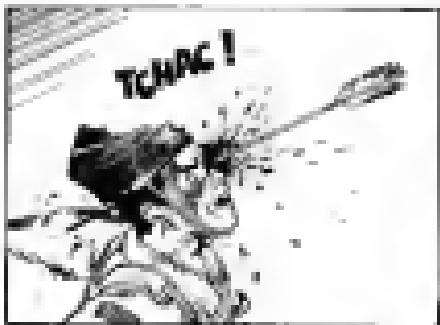




IN THE ANCIENT TIMES, RIVALRIES WERE BORN BETWEEN POWERFUL FAMILIES. HOWEVER, THESE FAMILIES UNITED IN THE END AND CHOSE A SOVEREIGN RULER. POLITICAL POWER MOVED BETWEEN THE EMPEROR, THE NOBLES, AND THE SAMURAI. AFTER THE HOGEN AND HEIDI CIVIL WARS AND GEMPEI WAR, THE SHOGUNATE WAS FORMED IN KAMAKURA, WITH HOJO AS THE REGENT. THE EMPEROR GODAIGO THEN ESTABLISHED A NEW GOVERNMENT (KNOWN AS THE RESTORATION OF KEMMU). FIFTY YEARS OF HARD-SHIP AND A CHAOTIC MEDIEVAL ERA FOLLOWED IN THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN COURTS.







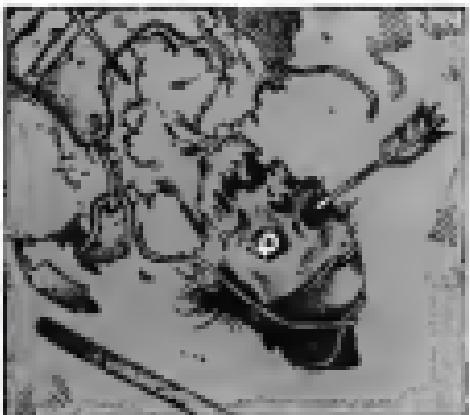


SO MANY DEATHS...



DESPITE A  
PRECARIOUS  
FATE, THE  
HARSHMED  
POPULATION  
MANAGED  
TO SURVIVE.





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THE JAPANESE ELEMENT TIENTHON WOULD HAVE SURVIVED AFTER THE CANNON AND BOMB RAID (1900) HAD BEEN FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER OF BRAVA, HOWEVER (E PUNISHED). IT PLUNGED THE PEOPLE IN RUIN AND DISASTER. ACCORDING TO SOME PEOPLE THE BRAVA AND TIENTHON WOULD HAVE LASTED 600 YEARS EACH.

THE WORLD IS  
IN SUCH  
DISORDER...  
ONE CATA-  
STROPHE AFTER  
ANOTHER...

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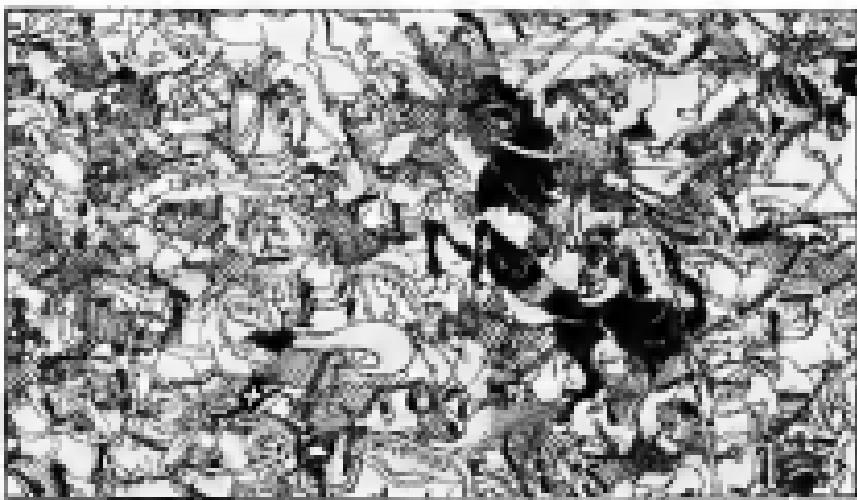
WE ARE  
IN OUR  
DEATH  
THROES  
...

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TOKO

WHEN TAKRUDE  
REMOVED  
EMPEROR SHI  
SHOGUNATE  
IN KYOTO,  
THE IMPERIAL  
COURT TOOK  
HABIT  
THE SOUTHERN  
COURT  
OF NEMU  
KODAIJI  
AND THE  
NORTHERN  
COURT  
OF NEMU  
KOMPO,  
THE ONE  
THROWN  
OUT ON THE  
THRONE!

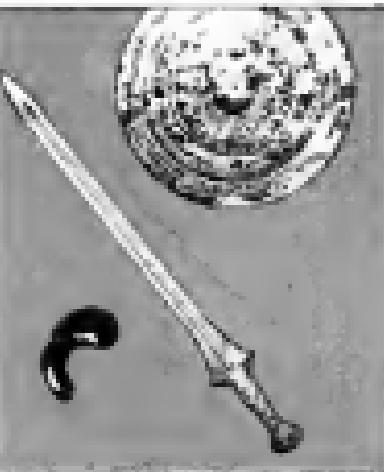




THE INFLUENCE OF  
THE SOUTHERN  
ROYAL COURT DECAYED  
SLOWLY.



IN THE NEXT LONG  
YOKOHEI PERIOD,  
DISPOSITION OF  
TERRITORIES,  
REPRESENTING THE  
INDEPENDENCE OF  
THE TWO DYNASTIES  
HAD AN ALTERNATIVE  
HOME TO THE  
THREE  
SOUTHERN FAMILIES.  
THE SOUTHERN  
EMPEROR LIVED  
THE THREE SACRED  
MOUNTAINS (THE  
KITA MOUNTAIN, THE  
KUMANO MOUNTAIN  
AND THE YOSHINO)  
SOUTHWEST; THE  
NORTH EMPEROR  
FOR THE SEVEN  
TRANSMISSION OF  
POWER.

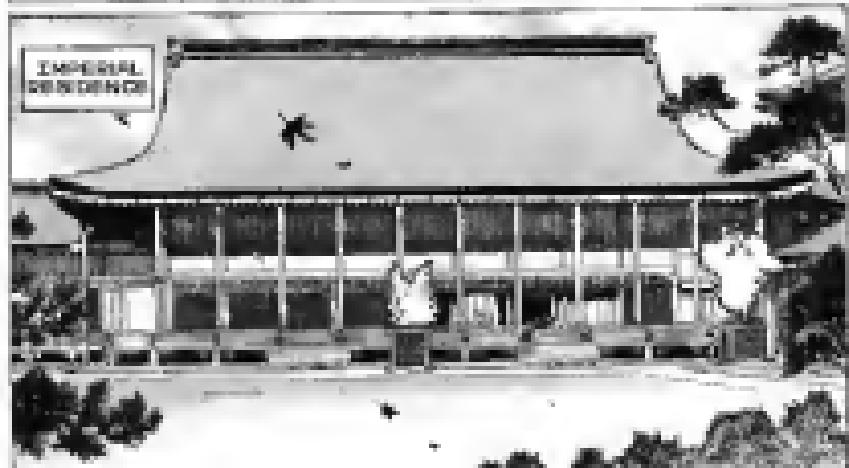
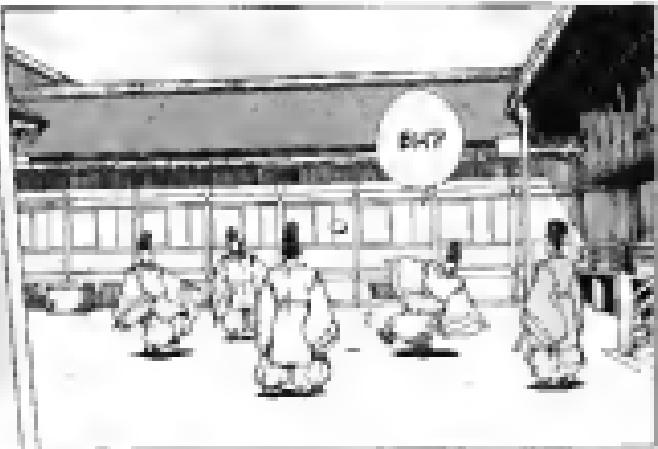
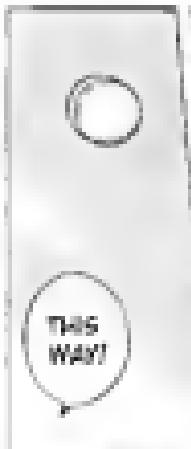


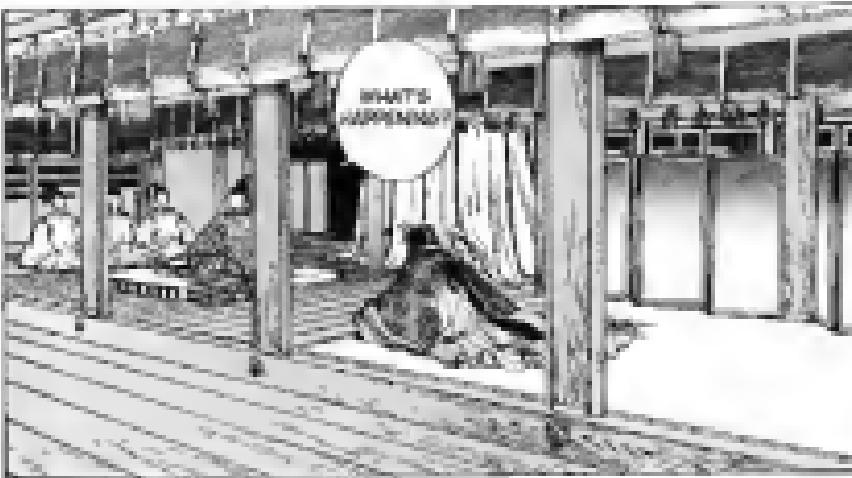
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REMANED..

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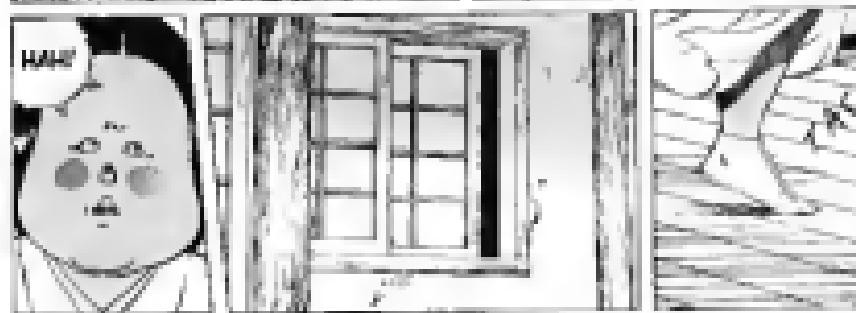


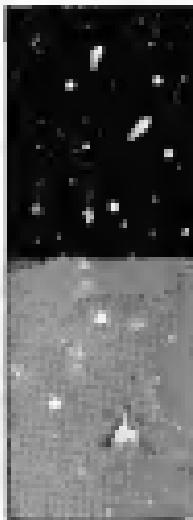
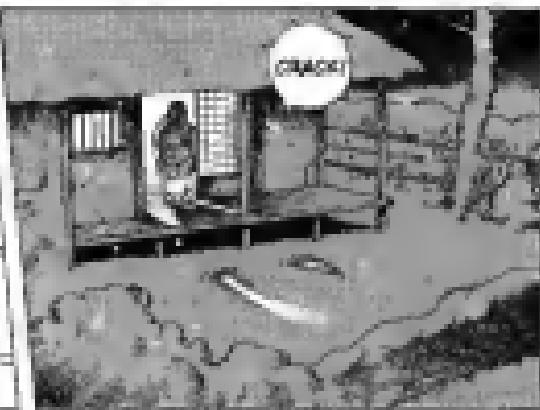












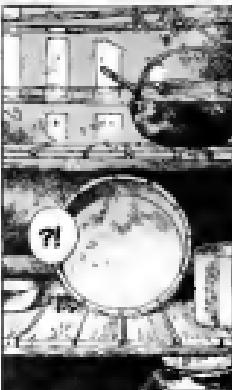




AT THE DAWN OF THE  
1ST OF JULY, 1394,  
IHOKYU WAS BORN IN EHIME.



ROSE OF EASY JOURNAL



HE WAS NAMED  
SENJUKUMARU

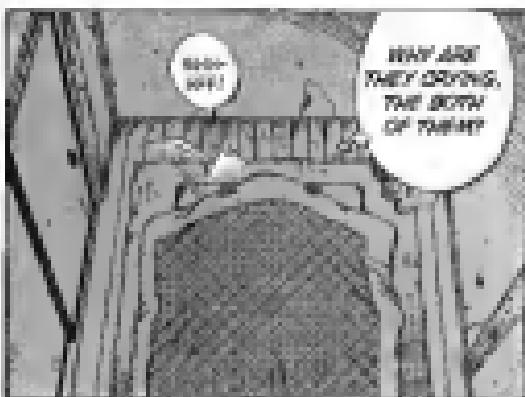
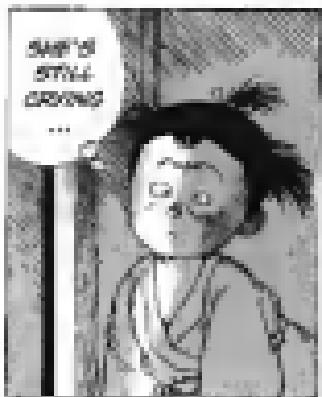
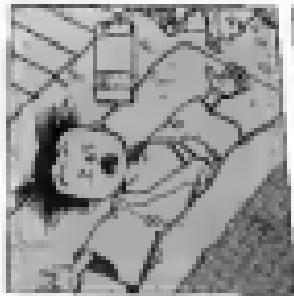


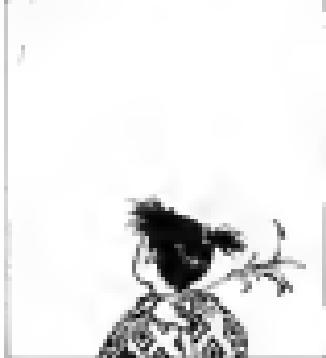
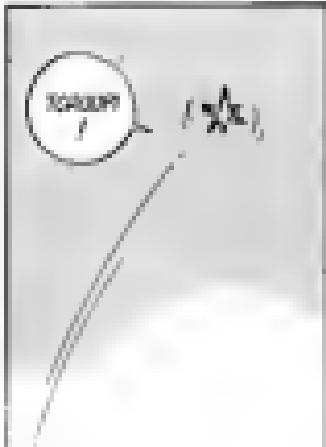


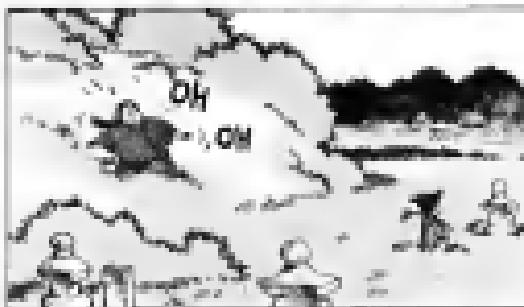


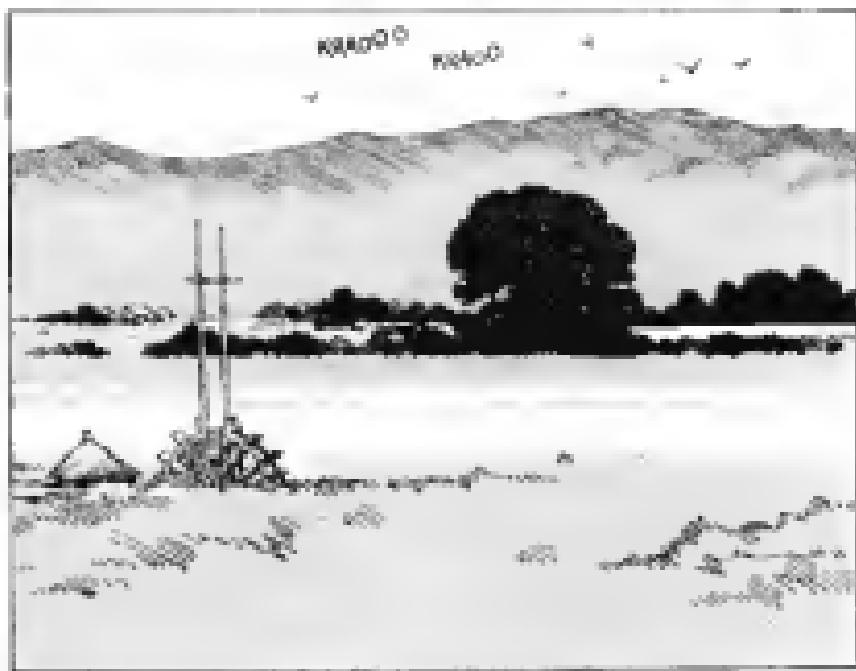
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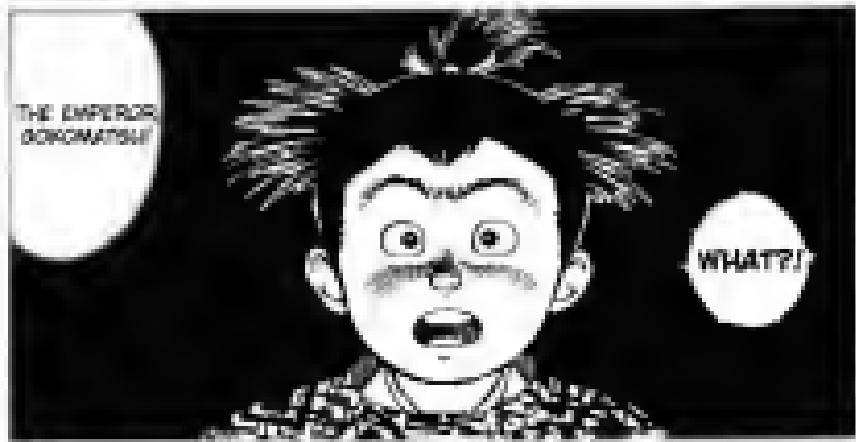
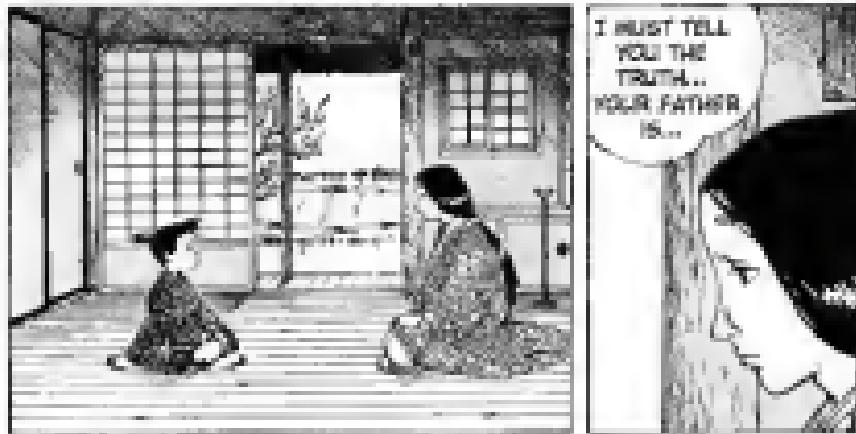












YOU KNOW  
THAT IT WAS  
UNDER  
THE REIGN  
OF THE  
NORTHERN  
DYNASTY, DONT'  
YOU?

I'M FROM THE SOUTHP  
THE HANSHIN FLEW THE  
COMEBACK OF OUR  
DYNASTY TO THE POWER.  
AND TANAKA HAS OFTEN  
BEEN SPOTTED ROAMING  
AROUND HERE...

SHOULDN'T  
YOU JUST  
TELL DADDY

WE CAN'T SIMPLY GO  
AND SEE HIM NOW.  
ONE DAY, YOU WILL  
UNDERSTAND WHY.

ANYWAY,  
YOU MIGHT  
GO TO  
THE  
PROSTITUTE.

BUT  
I DON'T  
WANNA  
LEAVE!

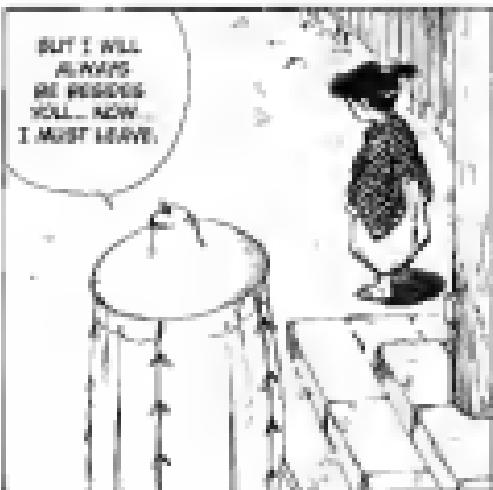
PLEASE  
UNDERSTAND.  
IF YOU GET  
KILLED, I...

I WOULDNT  
BE ABLE TO  
LIVE ANY  
LONGER!

PICKER  
THINGS...

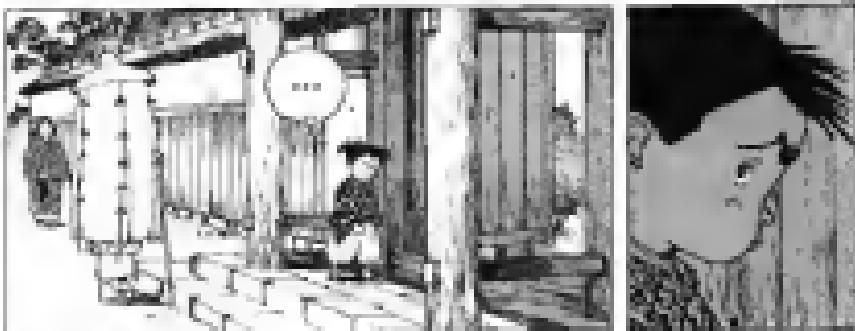


TAKE YOUR TREASURES  
THROUGHOUT, AND  
BECOME A NUGGET  
MONK. WELL... I SHALL  
NOT MEET AGAIN  
UNTIL THAT DAY.



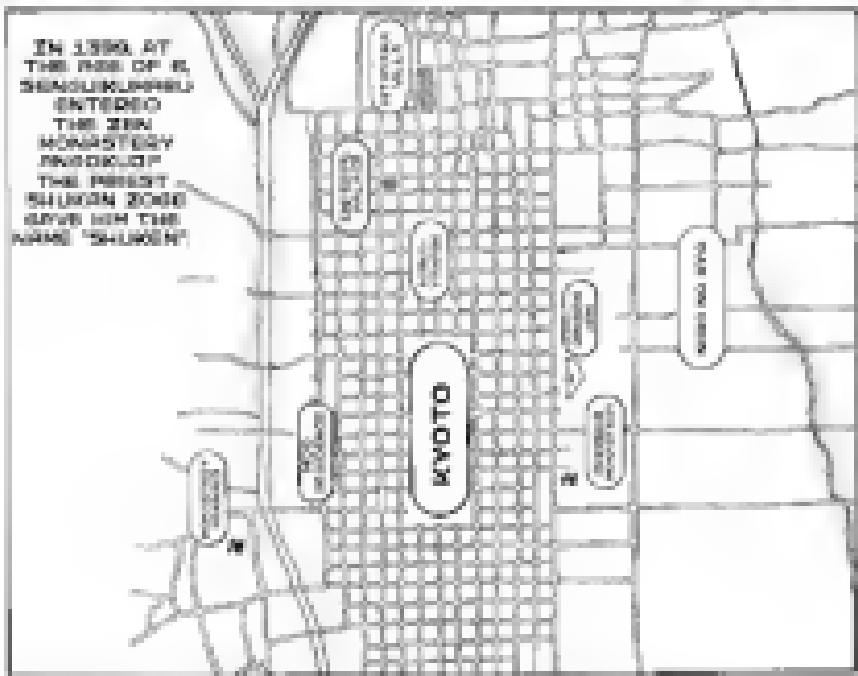
BUT I WILL  
ALWAYS  
BE PRECIOUS  
TO YOU... NOW...  
I MUST LEAVE.







IN 1886, AT  
THE AGE OF 18,  
BENJAMIN PHILIP  
ENTERED  
THE JESU  
MONASTERY  
PROVIDENCE.  
THE PRESENT  
SOCIETY CONSIST  
SIXTY MEMBERS  
WITH THE  
NAME "SHUKEH".



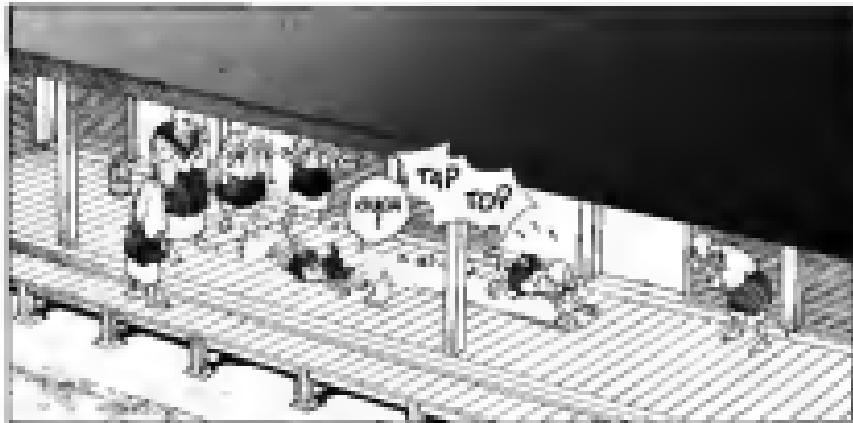
REPRODUCED BY PARAPHRASING "WITNESS" FROM WITNESSTORY. ACCORDING TO THE WITNESSTORY, ON THE NIGHT BEFORE, TUESDAY MAY 12, 1948, A PERSON WITH A BROWN COAT, "BROOKLYN" SAYING HE WAS A POLICEMAN, TALKED OUT THERE AND INQUIRED OF JAMES TATE WHOSE ADDRESS IS 11205 111 PLACE OF MONTGOMERY STREET. HE WAS TALKED TO AS A FRIEND OF THE VICTIM AND AS AN ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTER OF THE VICTIM.

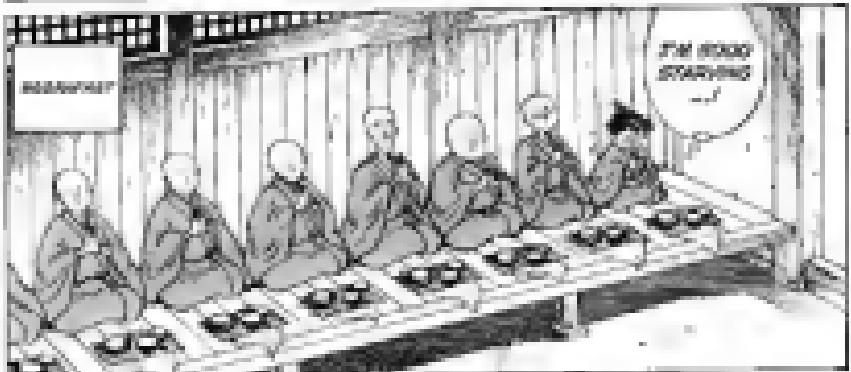
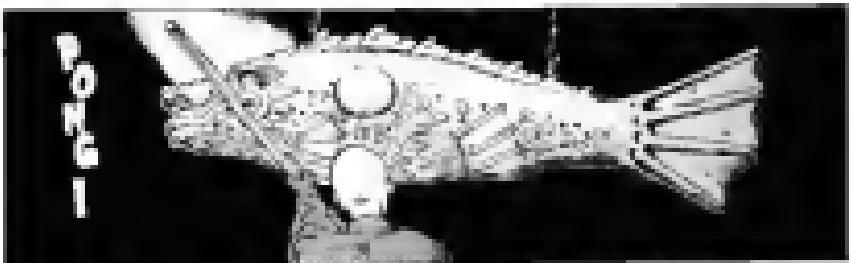
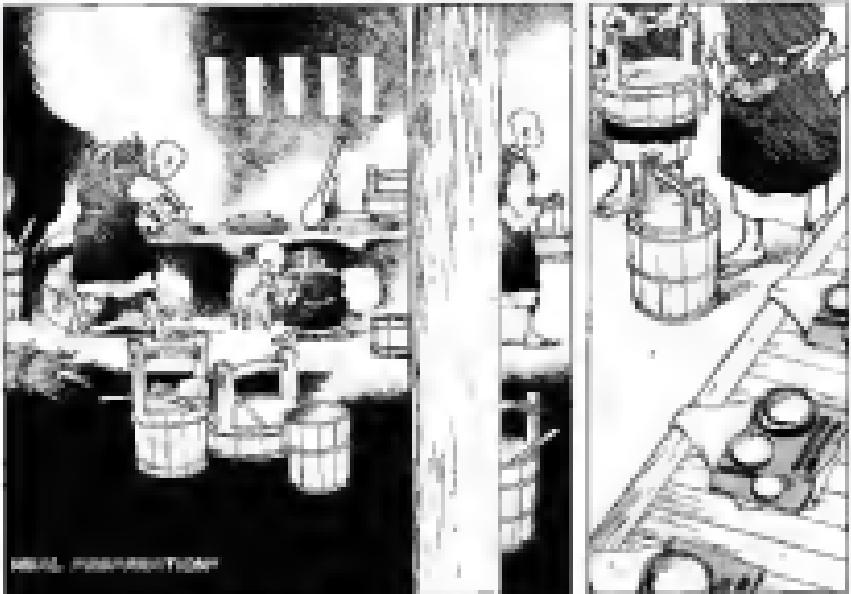


WAKE  
UP!

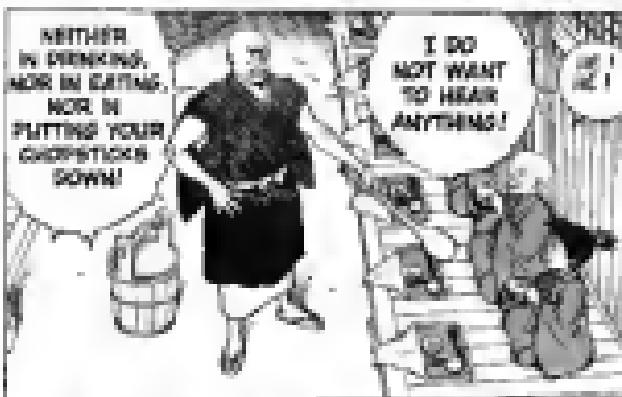
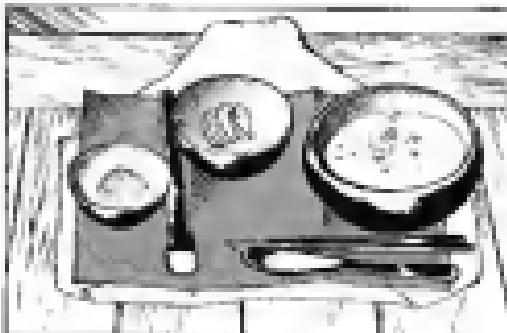


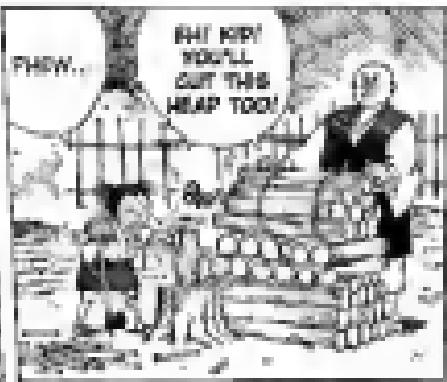
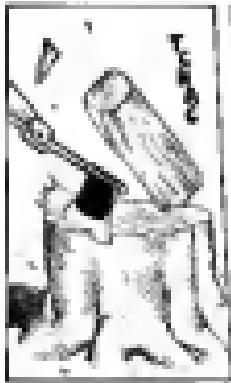




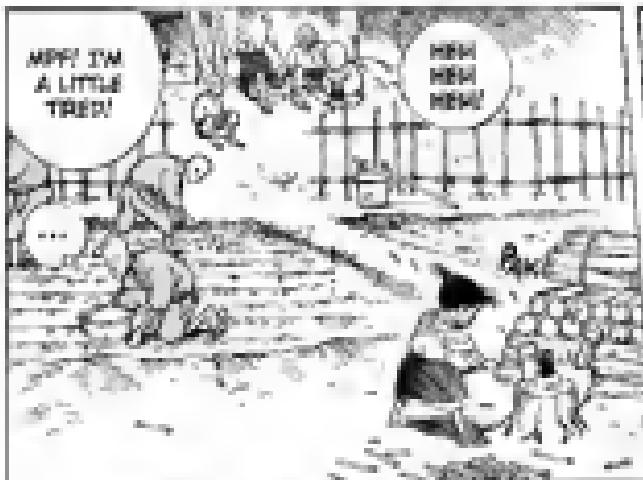


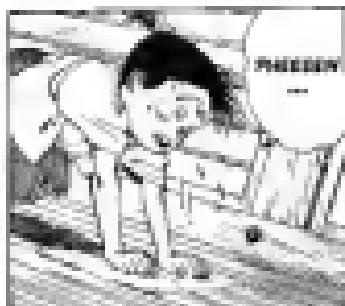
IN THE RESTAURANT, THE MEAL HAS AN IMPORTANT PLACE IN EVERYDAY. THUS, THE FOOD PREPARATION MUST BE SUBORDINATE TO NUTRITION.





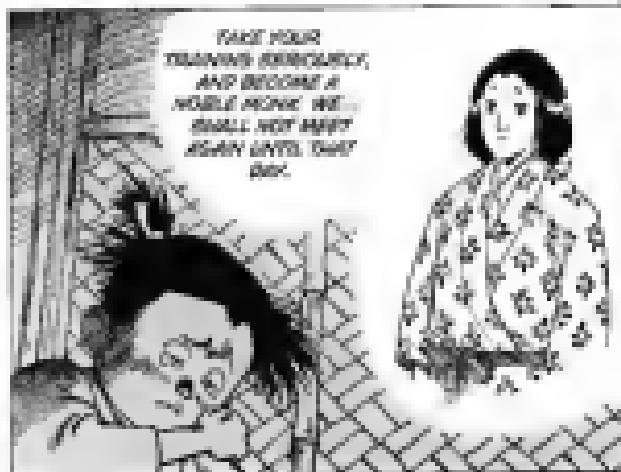
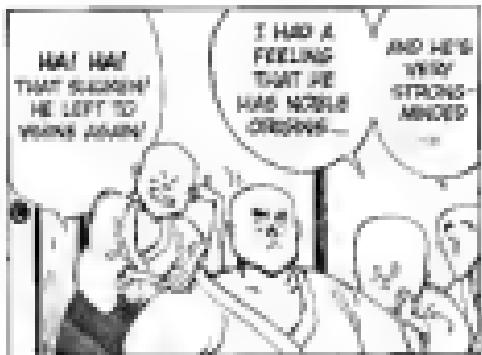


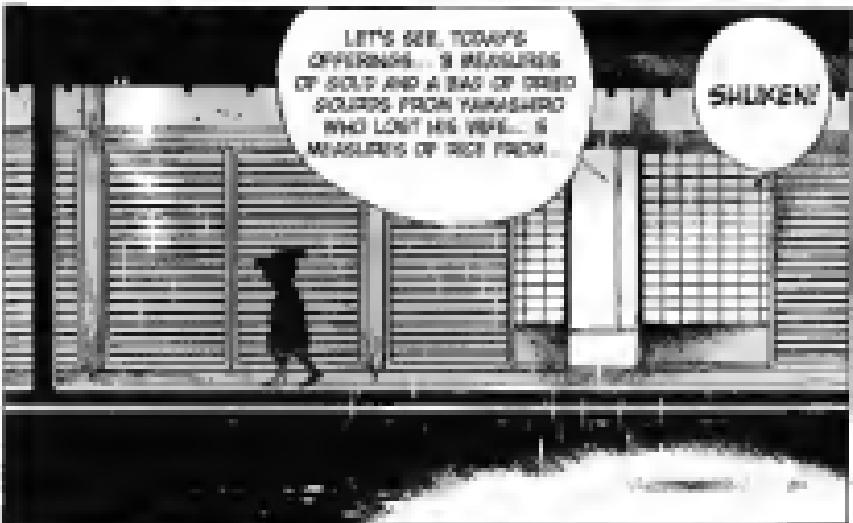


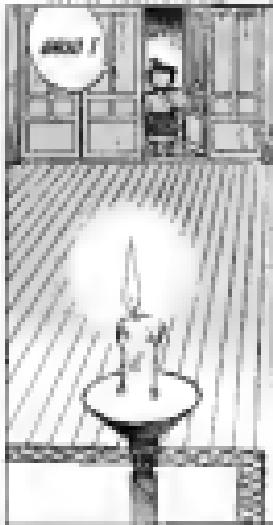


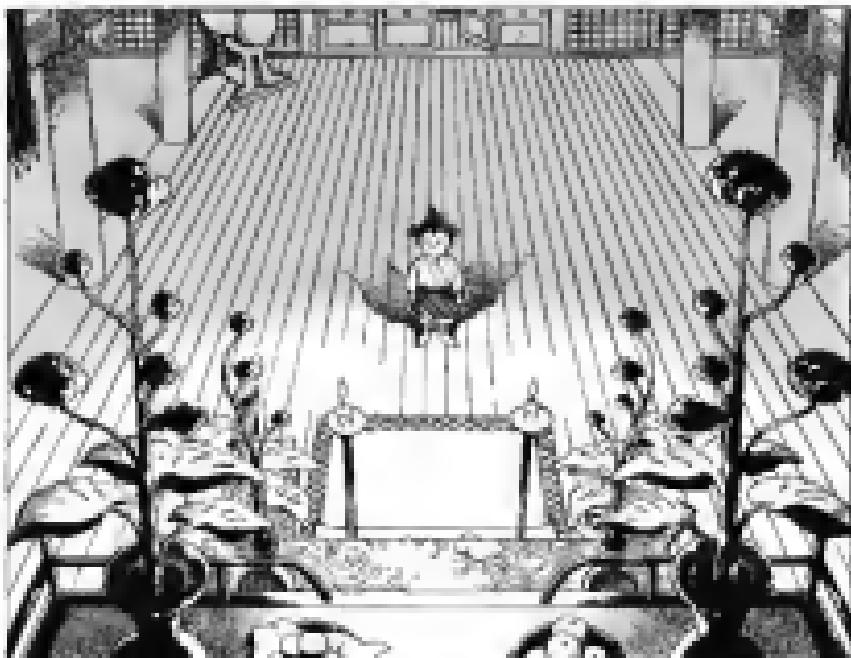


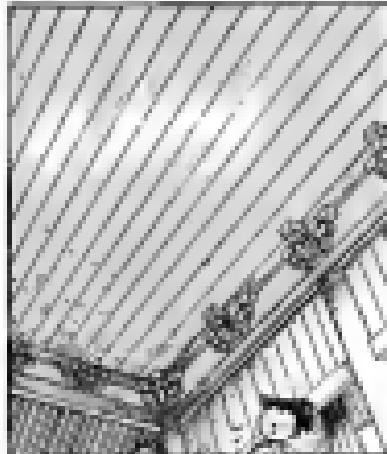




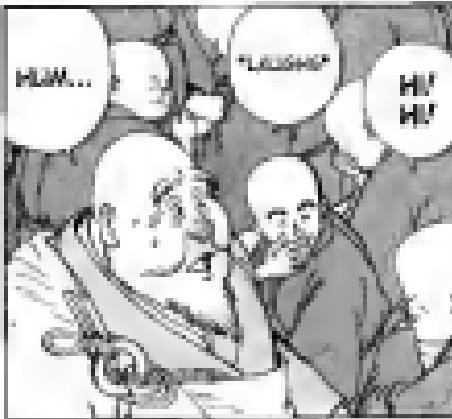
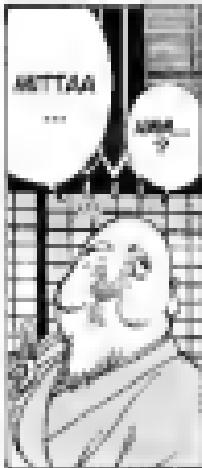


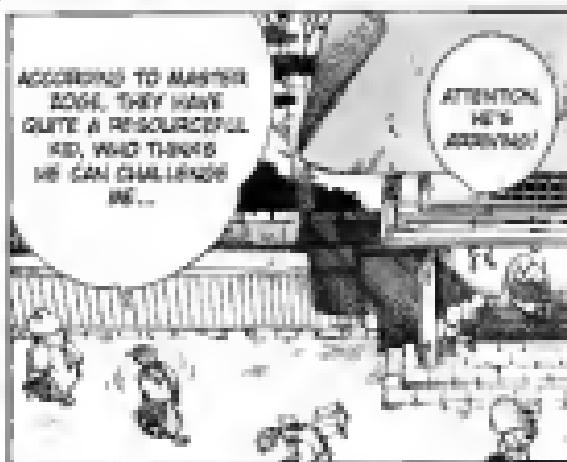






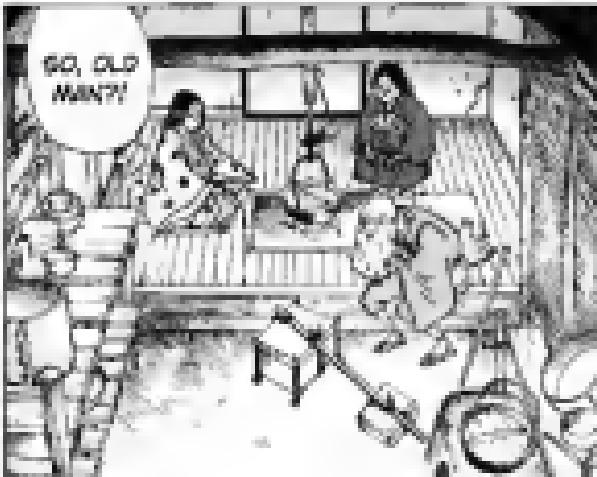












I'M COMING  
BACK FROM  
THE ANGORILLE  
MONASTERY.  
DON'T WORRY  
ABOUT HIM.  
HE'S FINE.



HE'S  
COURAGEOUS,  
BUT HE  
WANTS TO  
HEAR FROM HIS  
MOTHER SO  
SIMPLY...





YOU'LL FEEL  
BETTER AFTER  
YOU EAT THE CARP  
I BOUGHT AT  
THE MARKET.



THEY USE THESE MATERIALS BROUGHT FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES. THE BUILDING IS COVERED WITH GOLD... IT'S DAZZLING!

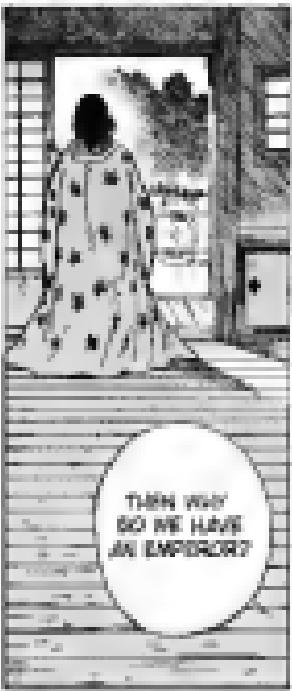


PEOPLE SAY IT COST A LOT OF MONEY! CHILDREN CALL IT THE GOLD MOUNTAIN."

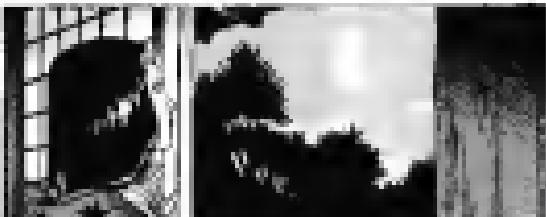
WHILE BECOMING A MONK, YOSHIMITSU DECIDED TO LIVE APART FROM THE WORLD. HOWEVER, HE SEEMS TO BE CONTINUING TO EXERT HIS INFLUENCE.

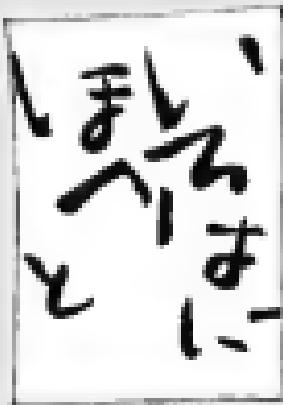


PERHAPS THE SAMURAI HAVE BECOME VERY POWERFUL.



THEN WHY DO WE HAVE AN EMPEROR?



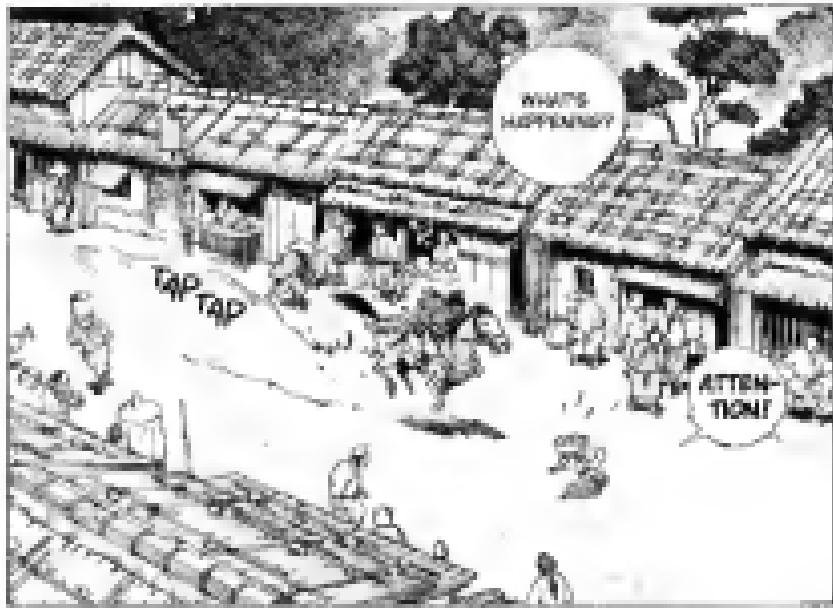
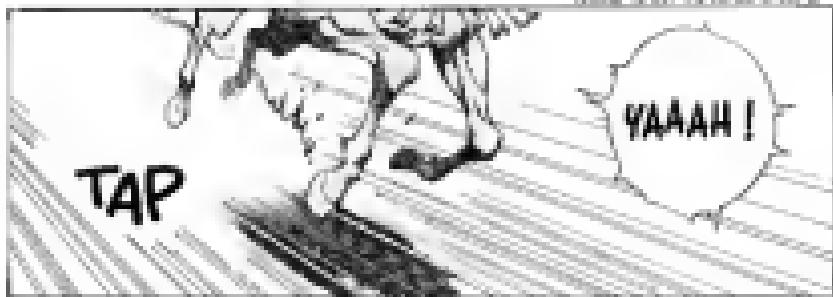


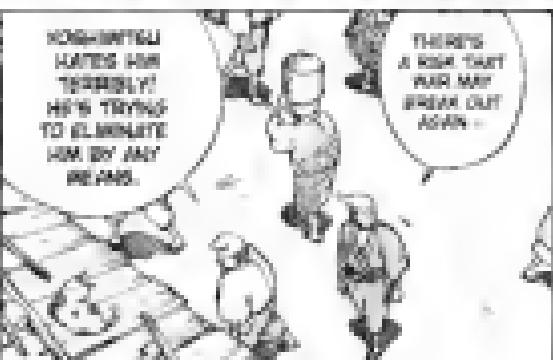
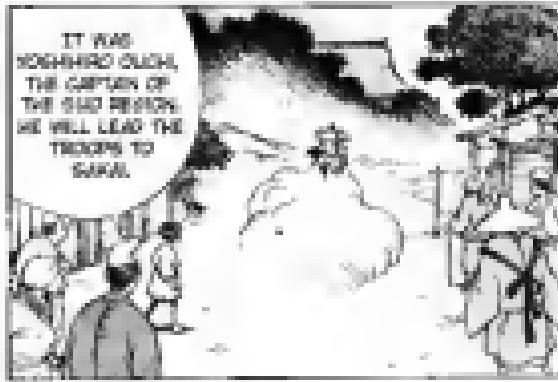
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Chapter 2  
The Five  
Monasteries







KOSHIMITSU  
DAIGO SHIGE  
TOSHIYASU  
KAZUO



KYAAA

LET'S GO!



YOSHIMITSU OUCHI LED THE TROOPS OF HOSOKAWA, KYOSHIMU AND YOSHIMITSU TO WAR. HE HAD UNDER HIS DIRECT COMMAND 20,000 HOSOKAWA, TO WHICH WERE ADDED THE 30,000 HOSOKAWA OF SABU YOSHIMITSU, ITTSUMI AND TOSHIYA UNDER THE SUPERINTENDENCE OF HOSOKAWA, THE LEADER OF THE DIFFERENT PROVINCES DEMONSTRATING THEIR POWER BECOME HIGHER THAN THAT OF THE CHIEFTAINS. TO SUBDUING THE STRUGGLE OF THE SUBORDINATE, HE HAD TO DEMONSTRATE HIS POWER, OR ELSE TEMPERATE THEM.



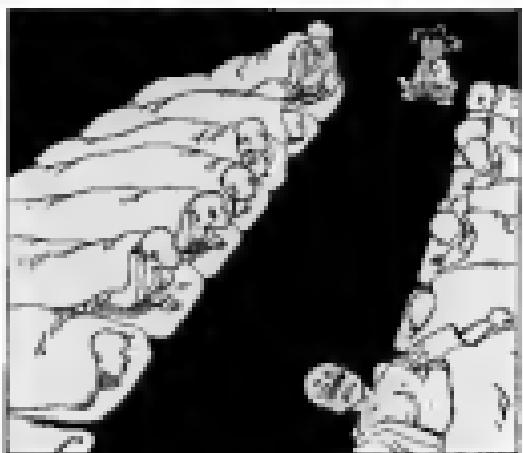
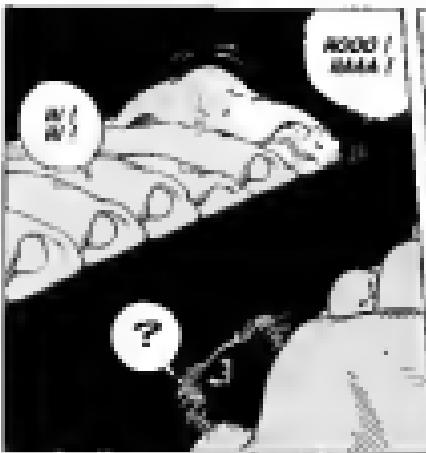




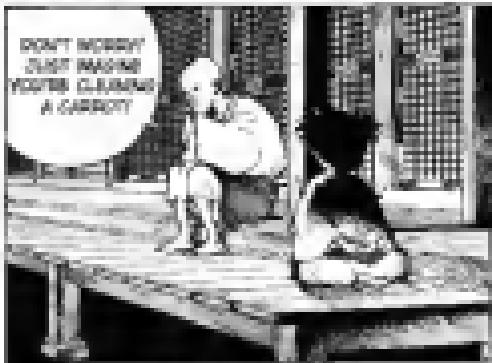
KUCHI TOKI AND YOSHIMA HERE  
DEFEATED AND KILLED YOSHIMITSU  
WHO EXERCISED HIS DISPOTIC POWERS

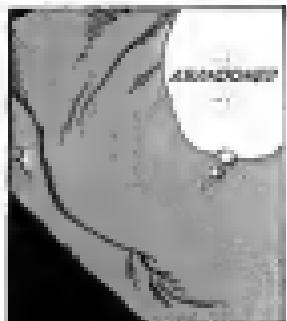










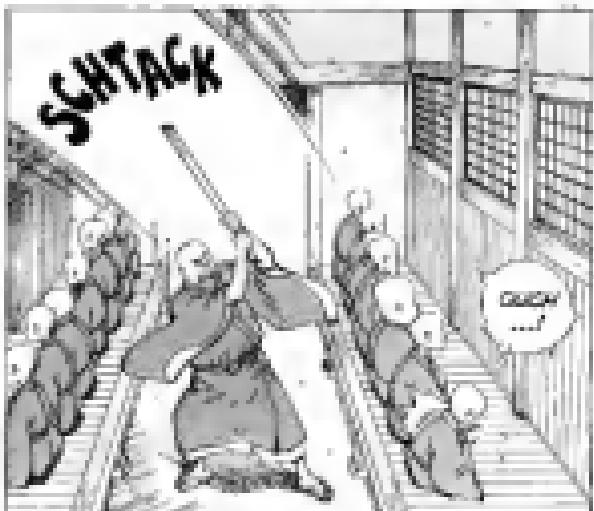




SEVERAL WINTERS  
PASSED BY

ABANDON,  
FAVOR,  
INCOMPETENCY,  
TOLERANCE,  
TRUTH,  
WANTILES

SHEIKH HIT THE LUNCH  
CELL ATTENDANT.  
WITH A BRAVE HERO,  
HE BECAME A PRIEST  
AND LEARNED TO RESPECT  
THE DISCIPLINE.





SHAKA  
SAT UNDER A  
LIME TREE AND  
LEARNED TO CONTROL  
HIS PASSIONS AFTER  
LONG MEDITATIONS  
AND REPEATED  
MORTIFICATIONS.



WE CAN SAY  
THAT THERE ARE  
100 PERSONAL  
SHAKAS, THE FORM  
OF DESIRE OR  
DISPOSITION,  
AS WELL AS WE  
CAN SAY THAT  
THESE ARE  
80,000.

PURITY  
STILL  
THE DARK  
MINDNESS!

NO!  
NO!

NO!

PERFECT!

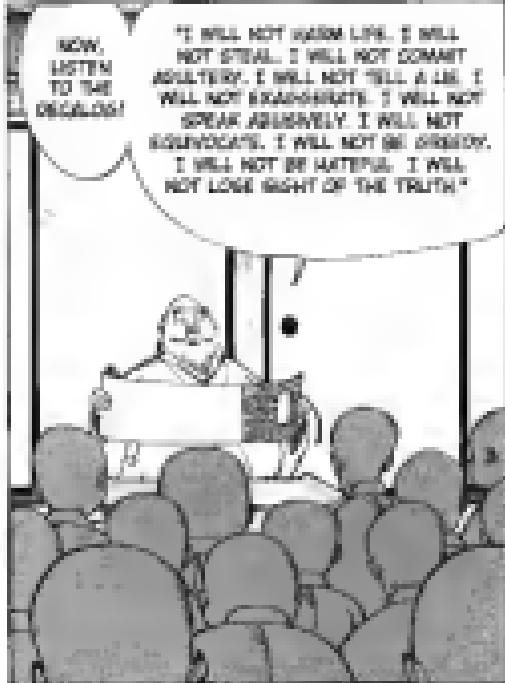
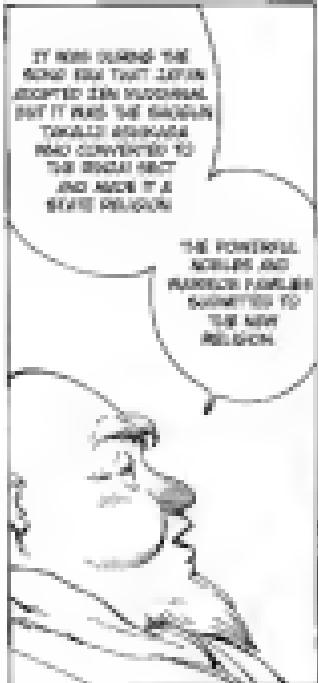


PURIFY  
YOUR  
SPIRIT!

HAW...

JAH  
FOLLOWED  
THE EXAMPLE  
OF SHAKA  
TO ATTAIN  
NIRVANA.

SHAKA, FOUNDER OF THE SHAKAITE RELIGION IN HAWAII, ABOUT 1000 AD, WAS A MONK WHO TAUGHT THAT ONE MUST FOLLOW THE SPIRITUAL PATH OF PURITY AFTER THE DARK, AND DISPOSITIVE SHAKAS ARE TEACHERS AND THE HUMAN SOULS MEDITATE.



THE LOTUS IS A FLOWER THAT GROWS IN THE MIDDLE OF MUDDY WATER... HOWEVER, IT REMAINS PURE!

THE BUDDHA IS LIKE A LOTUS FLOWER.

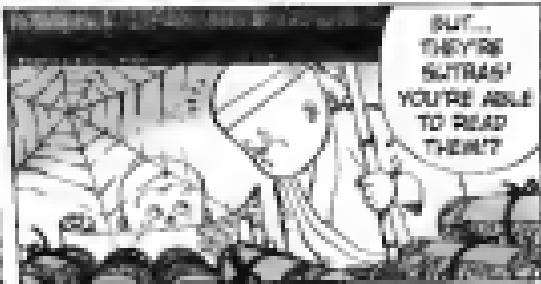
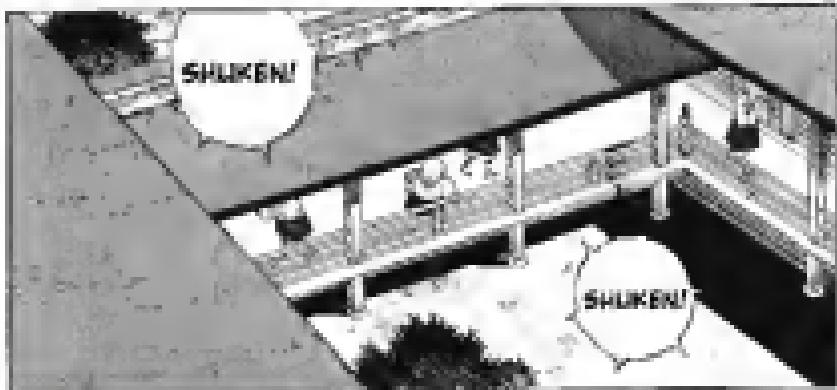
FIRST, YOU MUST STUDY THEM, YOU MUST STUDY SOME MORE!

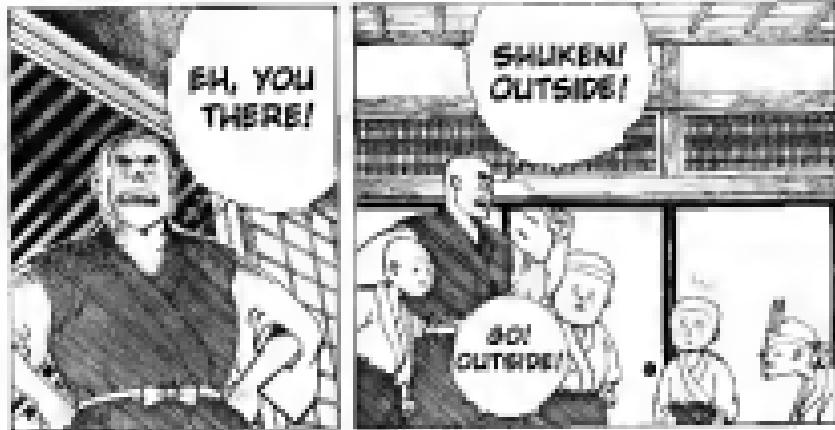
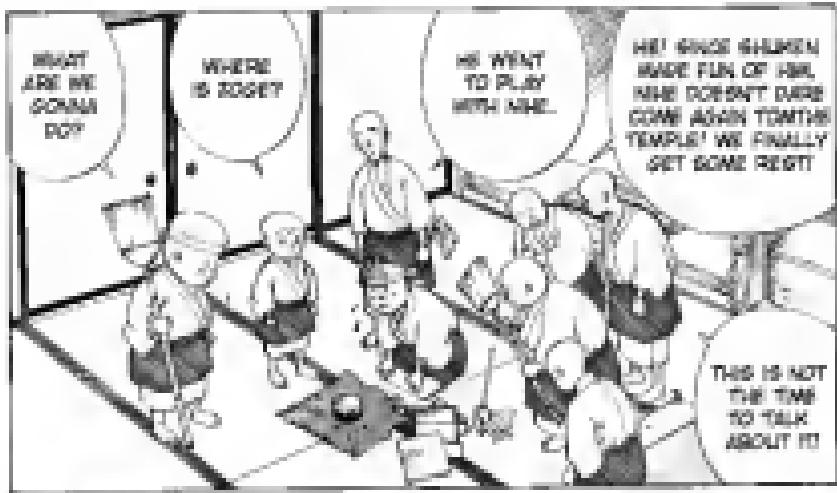
MAN IT'S REALLY GOOD!

AN' TOO, I WANT TO WELCOME LIKE MASTER YODA HERE!

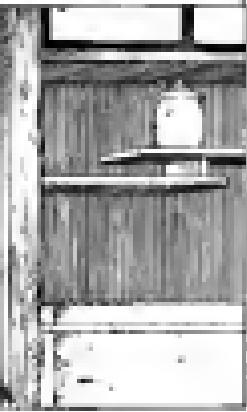
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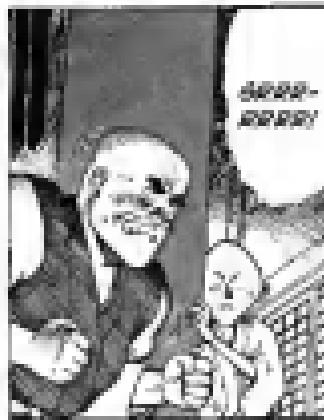
BLAST!



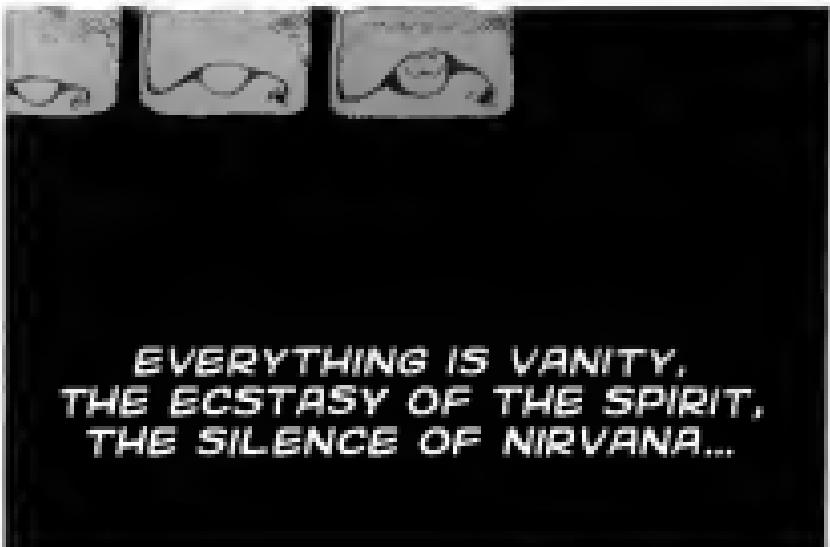


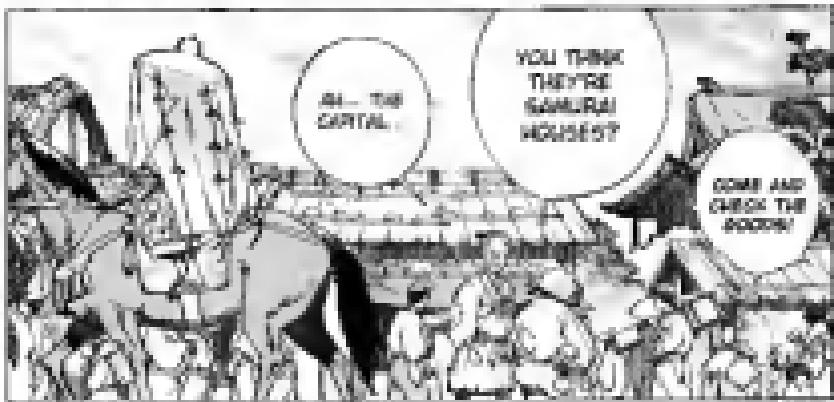




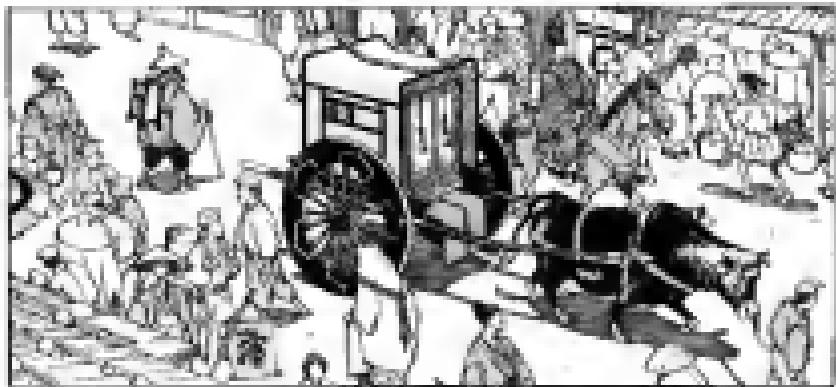




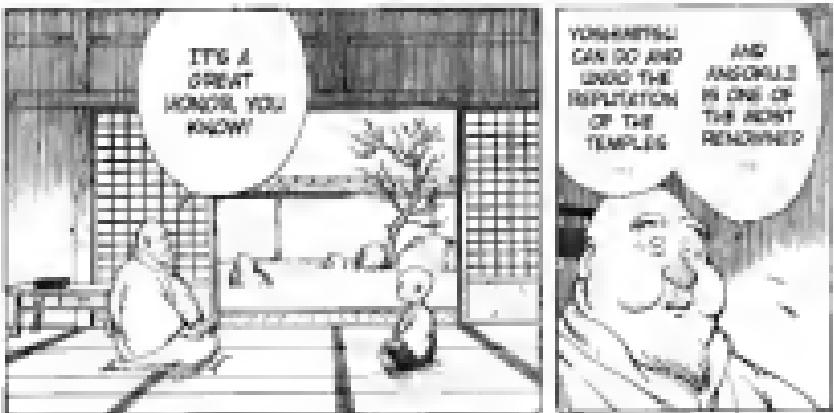
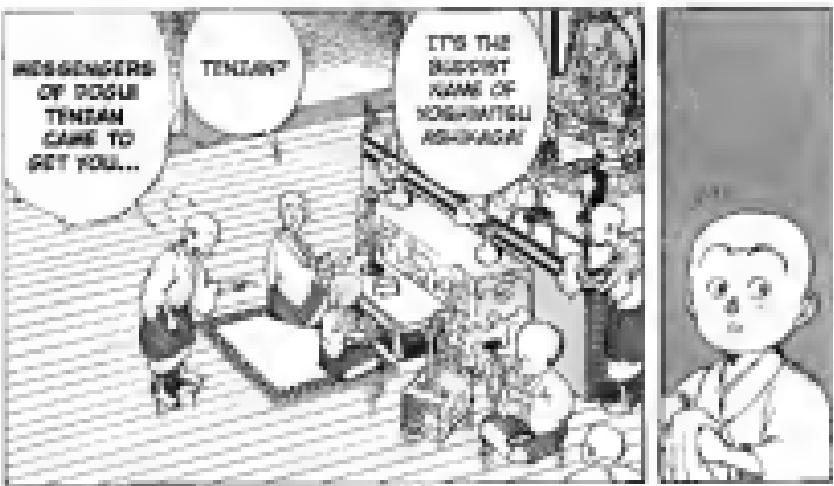


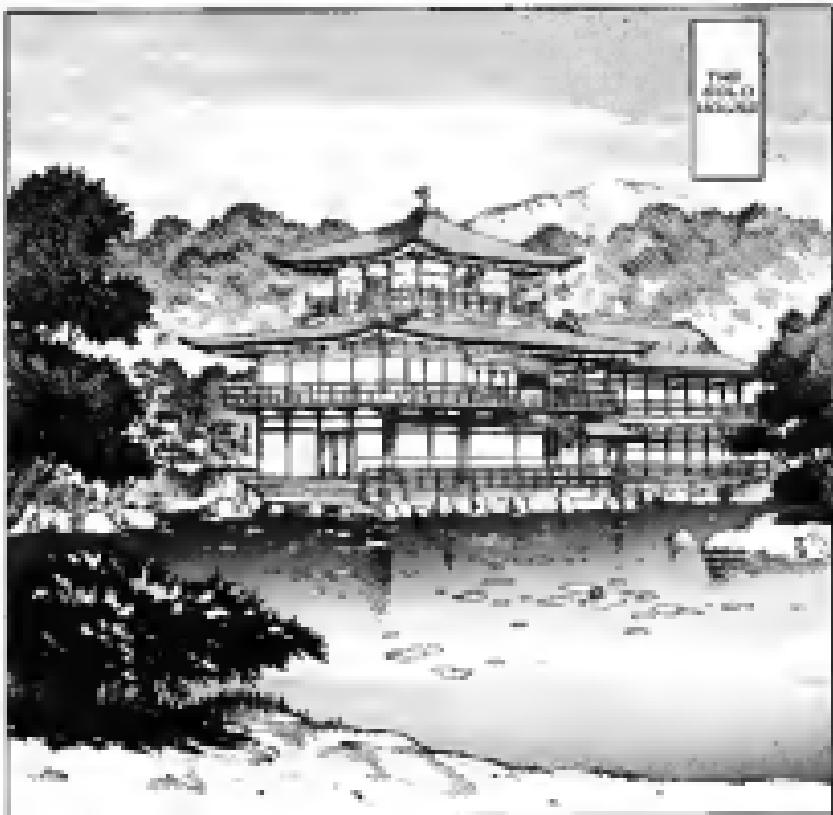


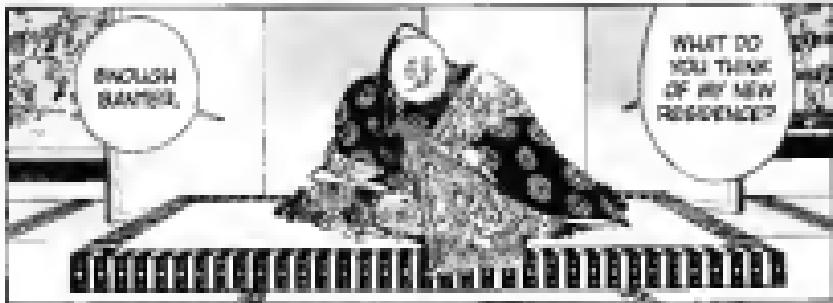






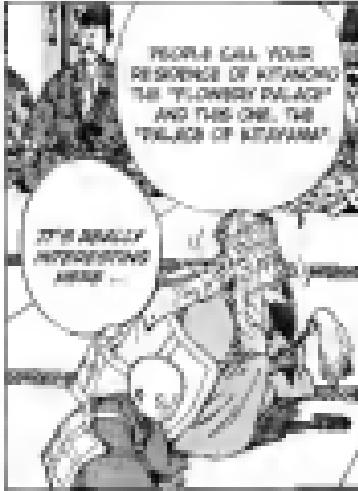








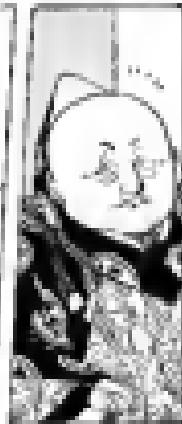
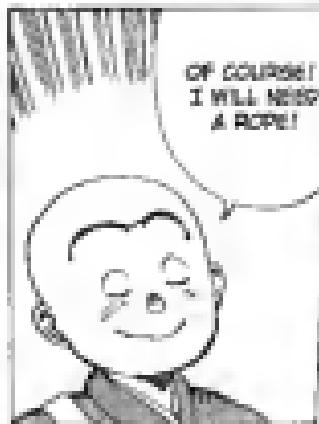
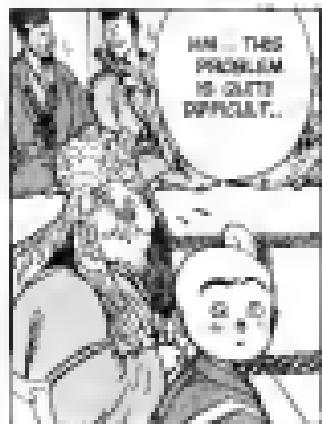
AKIYORO TADA WAS THE PRIME MINISTER BUT DIDN'T MANAGE TO BECOME SHOGUN. KOBOSHIBA YOSHIOKA MASAOKA WAS SHOGUN, BUT COULDN'T BECOME THE PRIME MINISTER.  
HU! HU!

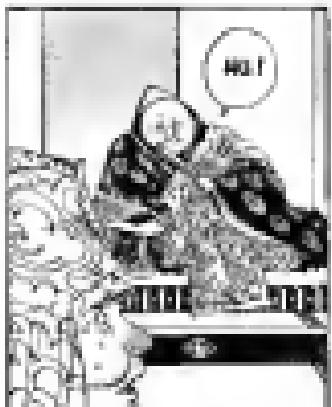


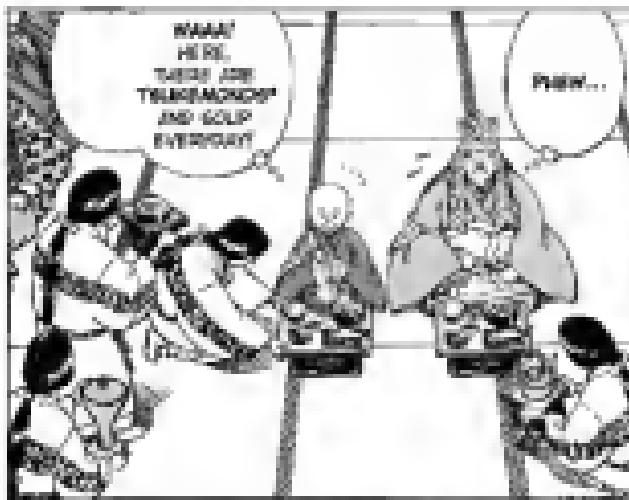


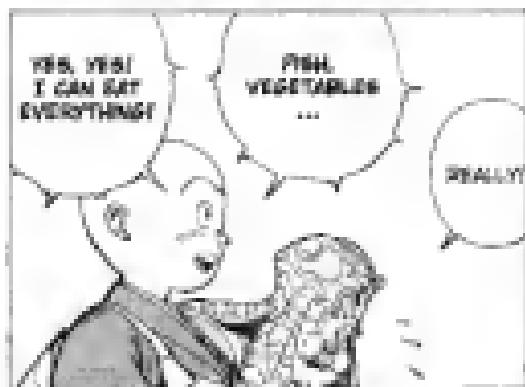
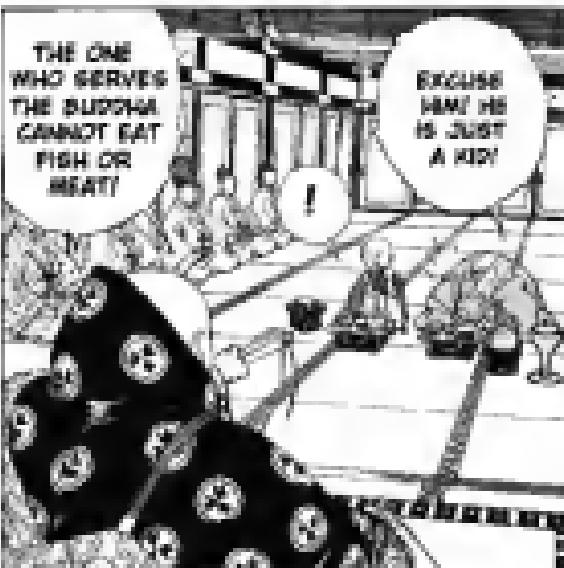


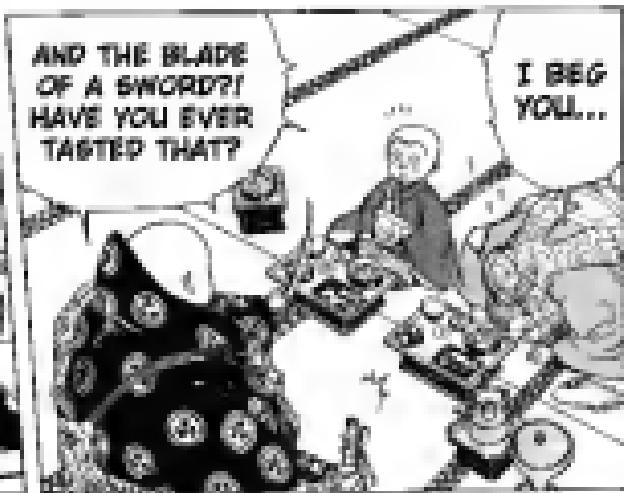
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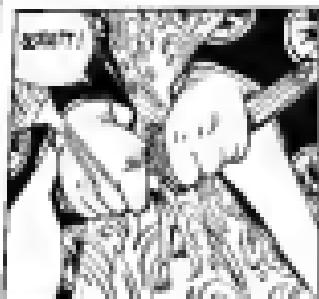
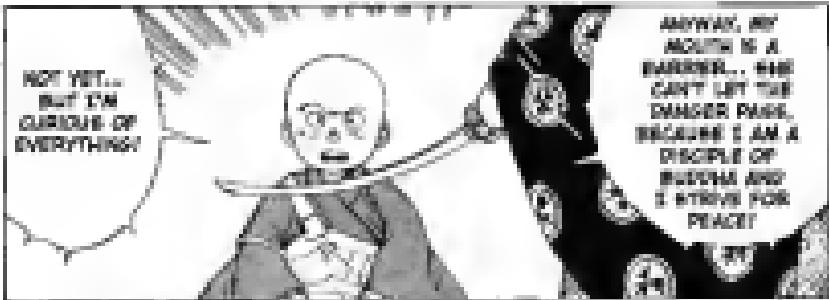




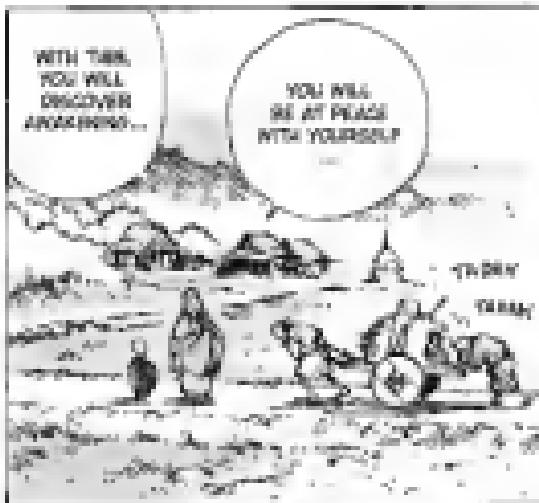












LET'S SEE...  
TO SIMPLIFY,  
I'D SAY THAT  
EVERY HUMAN  
BEING HAS AN  
EARTHLY  
SPIRIT  
AS THE ELEPHANT  
HIMSELF...

MASTER,  
WHAT IS THE  
"ELEPHANT"?

EVERBODY?

BUT THE  
HEART IS  
DARKENED  
BY PASSIONS.



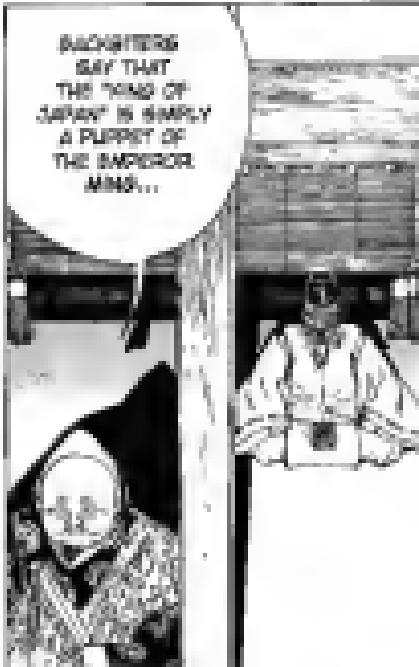
A MONK MUST FLEE  
FROM SUCH HOME,  
AND WHEN HIS SOUL  
IS AS PURE AS THE  
SHAKAYA, HE WILL  
BECOME A  
BUDDHA IN HIS  
TURN.



AS SHAKAYA

BUDDHA  
— ?







BEFORE,  
THE NO WAS  
DISRESPECTED  
BY THE  
NOBLES...

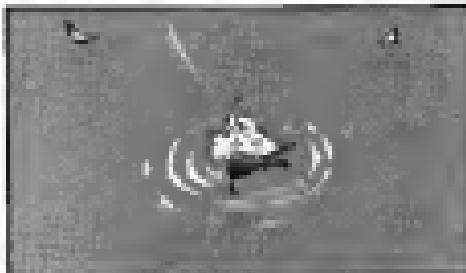
BUT THANKS  
TO YOU, IT'S  
PROVEN ITS WORTH.  
MY FATHER  
KORAKUJI HAS  
RECEIVED MUCH  
SUCCESS!

I SAW THE  
BOTH OF YOU  
FOR THE FIRST  
TIME AT A  
PERFORMANCE  
IN THE TEMPLE  
IMASHIRANO

I WAS 10,  
AND YOU...

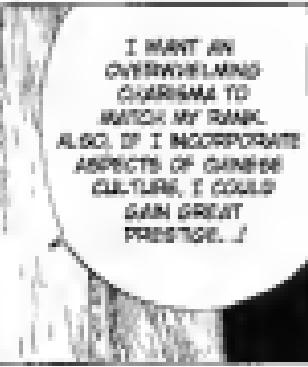








TO REIGN YOU  
MUST HAVE THE  
INSIDE OF THE  
FOW AND THE  
STRENGTH  
OF THE LION.



I WANT AN  
OVERWHELMING  
CHARISMA TO  
MATCH MY RANK.  
ALSO, IF I INCORPORATE  
ASPECTS OF CANNIBAL  
CULTURE, I COULD  
GAIN GREAT  
PRESTIGE... /



... AND I WOULD  
REMAIN THE "KING  
OF JAPAN!"  
HU HU HA HA HA!





THE VOICES  
OF THE SPRITS  
CONE AND GO!

THE RATES DROP...  
THE GANZU FAMILIES  
FARE AWAY... THESE  
VOICES FULL OF  
CHAGGINON... THESE  
VOICES... ALL THESE  
VOICES... WHY?

ALL I  
KNOW... IS  
THAT LIFE  
IS BUT A  
THEATRE  
PLAY...!





BUT MURKY! THE AMBOKKU MONASTERY IS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE SHOGUNATE, ISN'T IT?



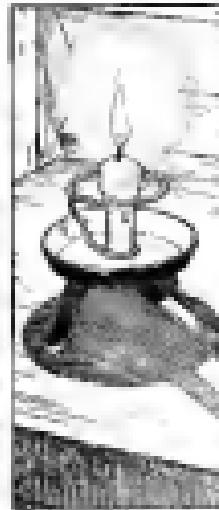
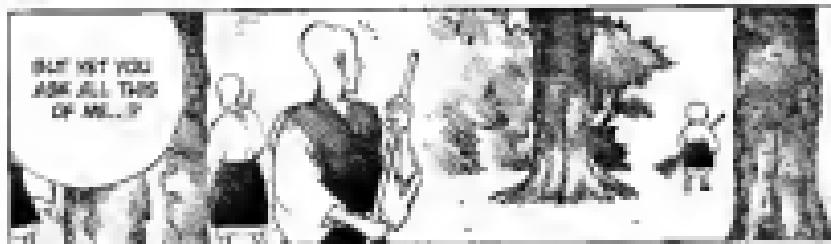
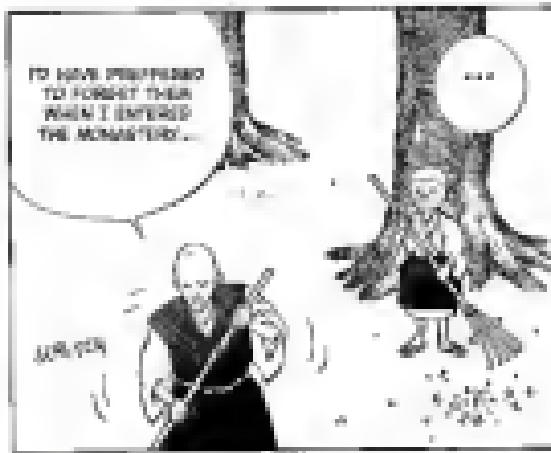
WEH, WE WILL HAVE TO STUDY IN ONE OF THE FIVE MONASTERIES. BECAUSE WE CAN LEAD ONE... TO DISPERSE THE TREASURES AND DESTROY THE TREASURES OF THE TEMPLES...

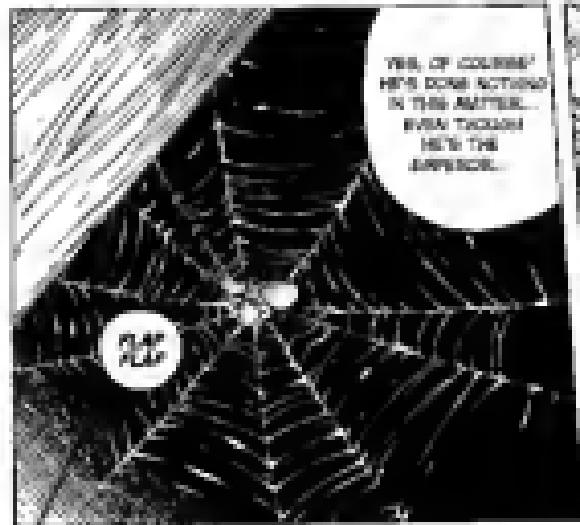
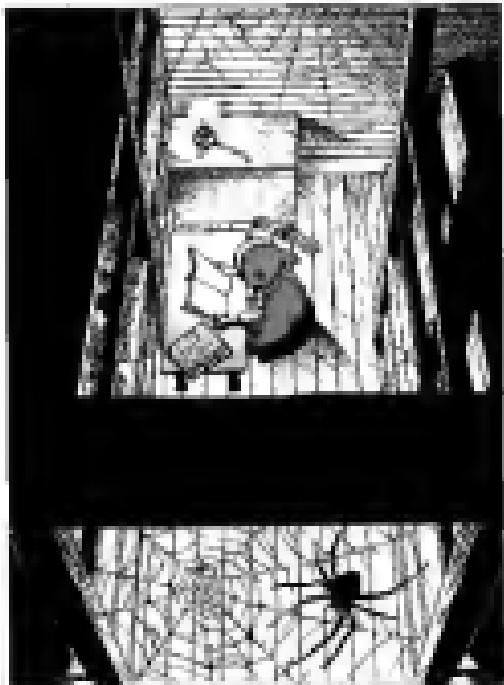
OR EVEN WIN OVER THE "NO MONASTERIES".

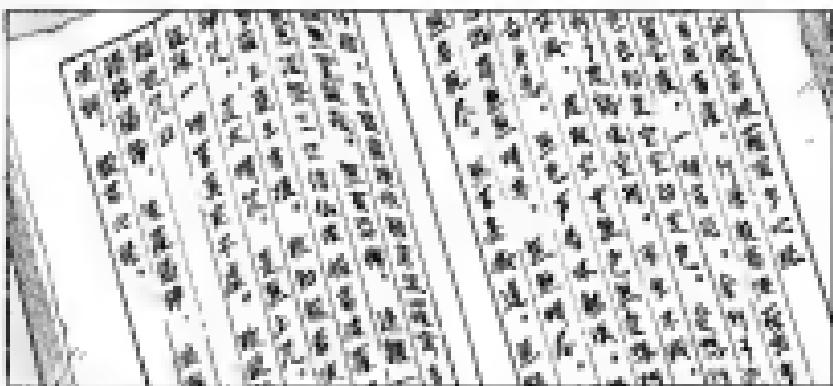


THE FIRST ONE, THE AMBOKKU MONASTERY, IS NEAR THE "FLOWER PALACE".

ITS FOUNDER IS MYOJI, SHAKUKU. NOW, IT'S FUJIO, THE TUTOR OF THE EMPEROR, WHO MAINTAINS IT.







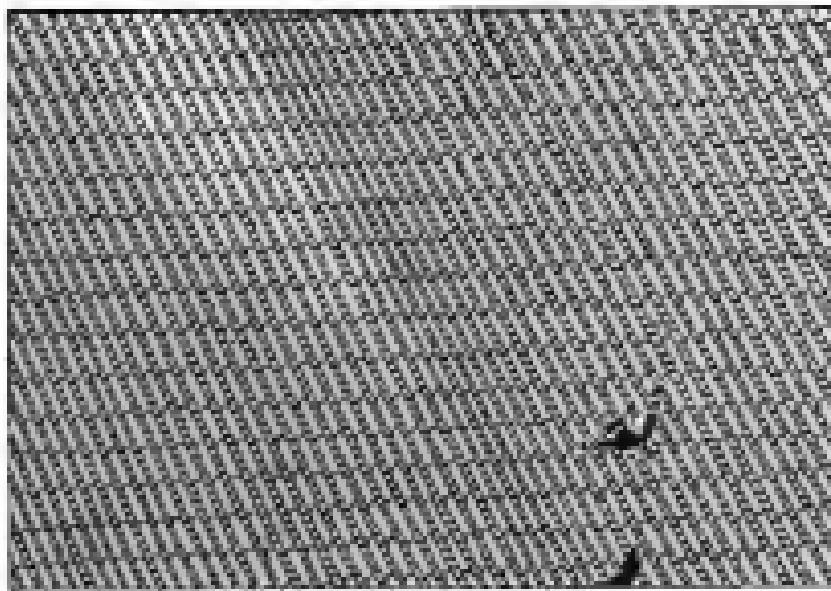
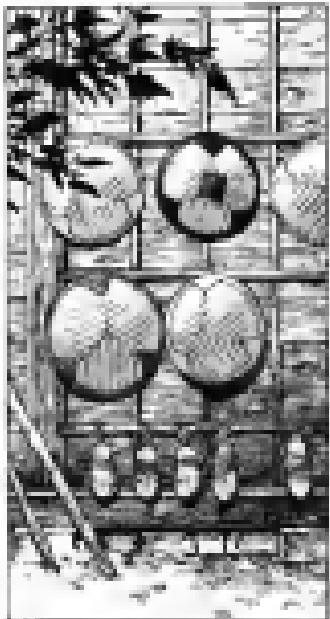
HOO! HOO!



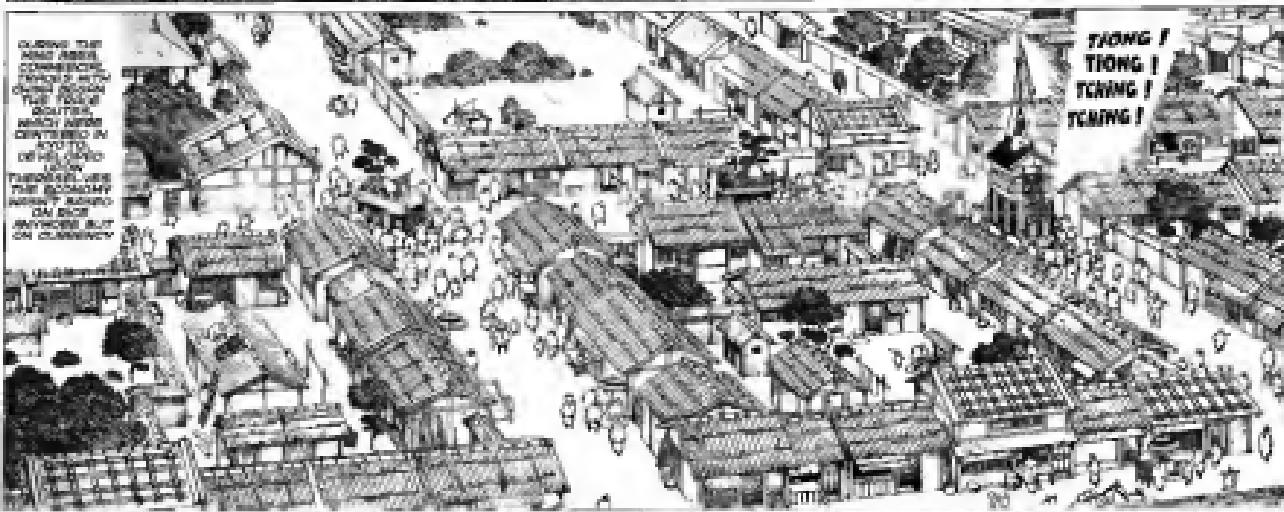
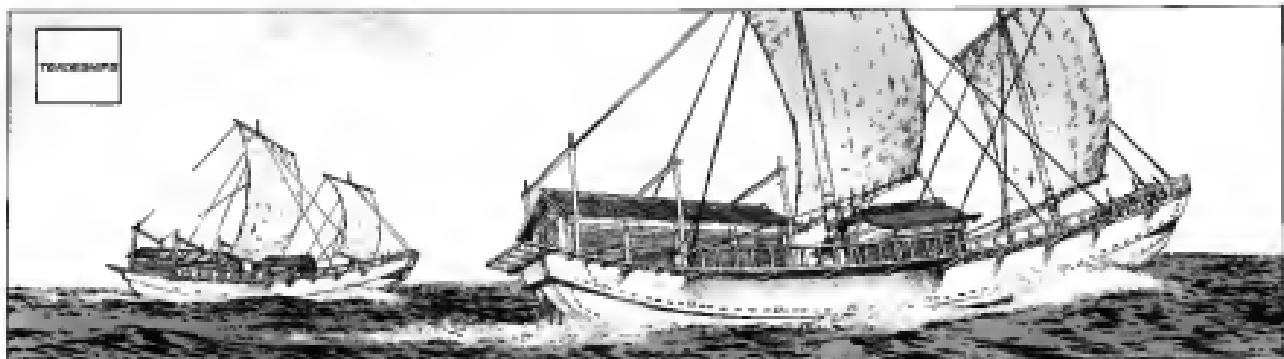
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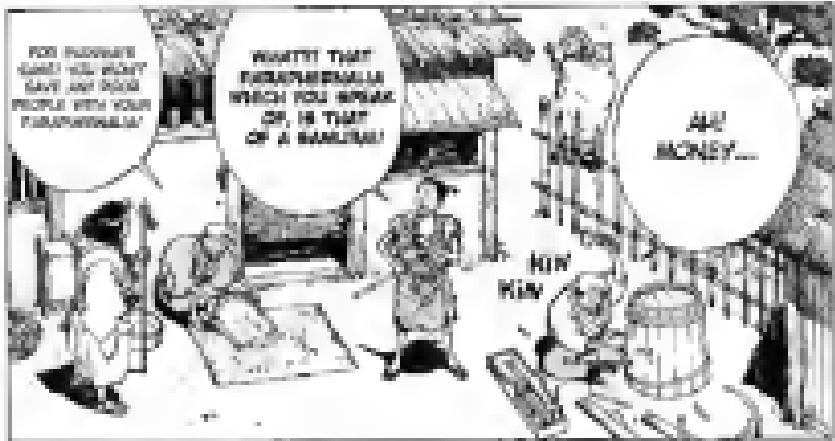
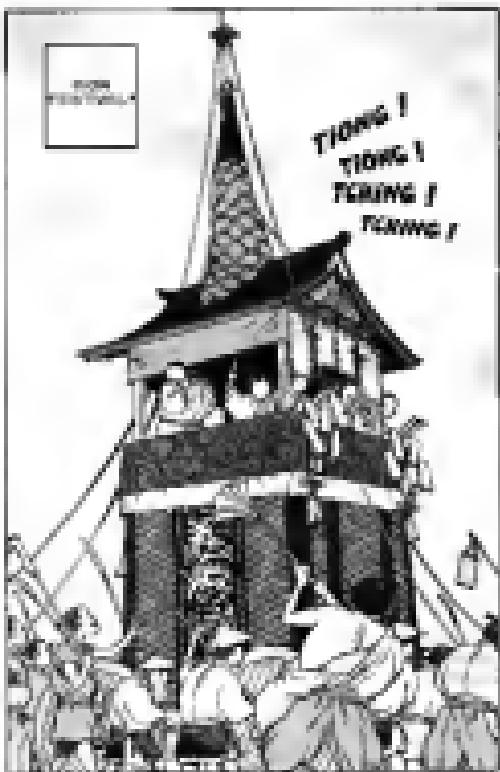
THE PORTAL, WHERE THE LEFT SIDE OF THE WORLD MEETS THE RIGHT. PASSING AND THE DEAD WOULD THINK THESE THREE ENTHRALLED THEM. BUT THEY ARE THE LIVING. THE DEAD.





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THESE PICTURES, THESE STORIES, PLEASE STAY OUT OF THEM AND DON'T TRY TO  
COPY THEM FROM THIS WEBSITE. PLEASE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND FOLLOW THESE CANONICALLY  
CHINESE AND TRADITIONALLY CHINESE MASTERS.

THE BRIDGEHOLD'S  
FORTRESS,  
BROKEN  
HEAVEN SPLIT LOW  
THE CLOUDS  
ON THE LAKE  
A FEW TALL PINE  
STICK OUT DARINGLY  
COLLECT THE TREES  
BY SPREADING WITHIN  
THE SOUTH-EAST  
RIGHT TIME  
THREE-TIERED OR  
THE WIND-SCATTERING  
AND THE SOU  
TH-POINTING CUP  
THE WOODS HERE  
BETTER DON'T TURN  
BETTER DON'T TURN  
THE TRADES  
REMOVED FOR THE  
THREE-TIERED OR  
THE CLOUDS-SCATTERING  
CUP IN THE LAKE  
A HOLLOWED HORN TO  
THE FOUR  
SEASIDE



THE THREE-HORN  
TO FIVE HORSES AND HORSES  
TWO HORSES, ETC., ARE ALL THAT  
ARE LOCATED IN THE  
ENTIRE LAND.

The three-horned  
and five-horned  
tear to the land  
of lonely readers  
and dreamers.

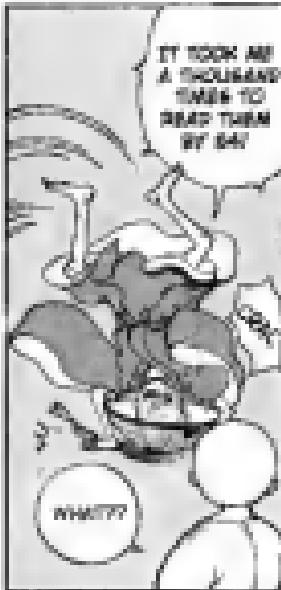
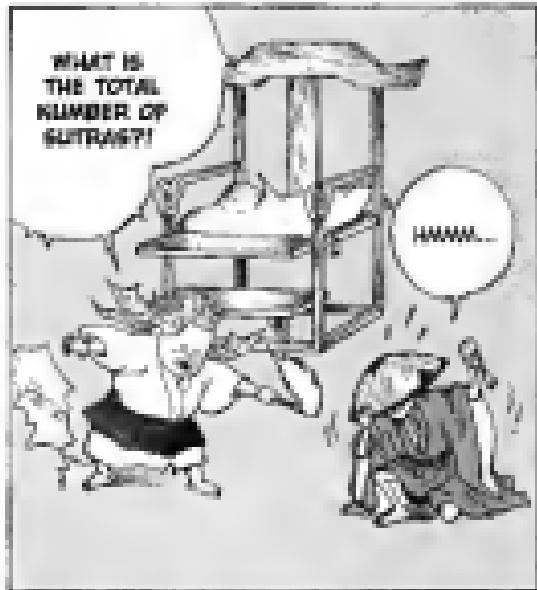


HORSES,  
FOUR-POINTED  
RIGHT AND  
EQUALLY  
RIGHT OF  
POINTMENT  
AND  
LONDON HORSES  
THE TWO  
CUP HORN



IN 1495, SHUKEN  
HAD 13 YEARS.



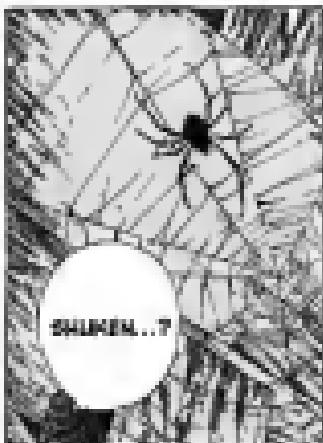
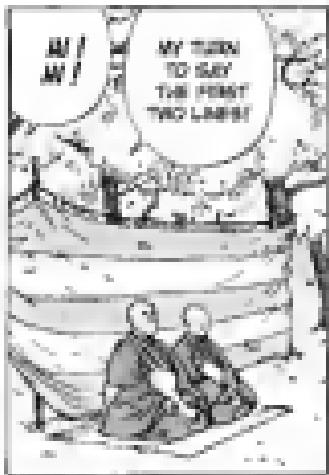




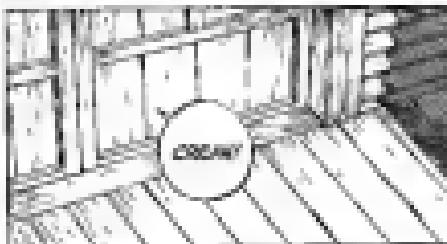
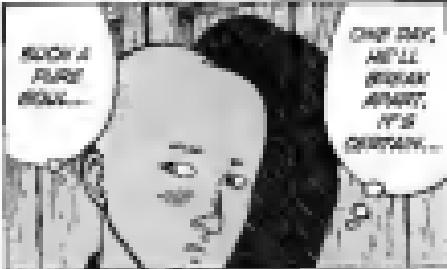
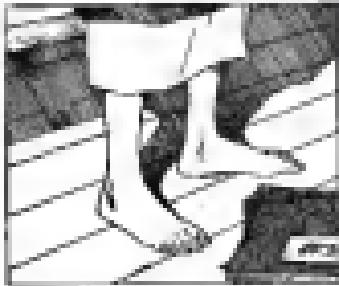


YES! THE  
SAMURAI AND  
NOBLE FAMILIES  
TRY TO OBTAIN THE  
FAVOURS OF THE  
PRIESTS...





MONEY USED TO BE THE PLURAL, BELIEVED IN KOREAN, TO THE ANCESTORS.



THE RULERS OF THE  
BUDHISM REIGN  
MAY NOT QUICLLY TURN  
THE HEARTS OF  
THE COUNTRY, BUT  
THEY TEACH  
SO WELL THAT  
THE LAW IS  
RESPECTED.

IF THE BROTHERS  
AND THE  
PEOPLE WERE  
JUST ONE...  
WE WOULD  
HAVE PEACE IN  
OUR COUNTRY!

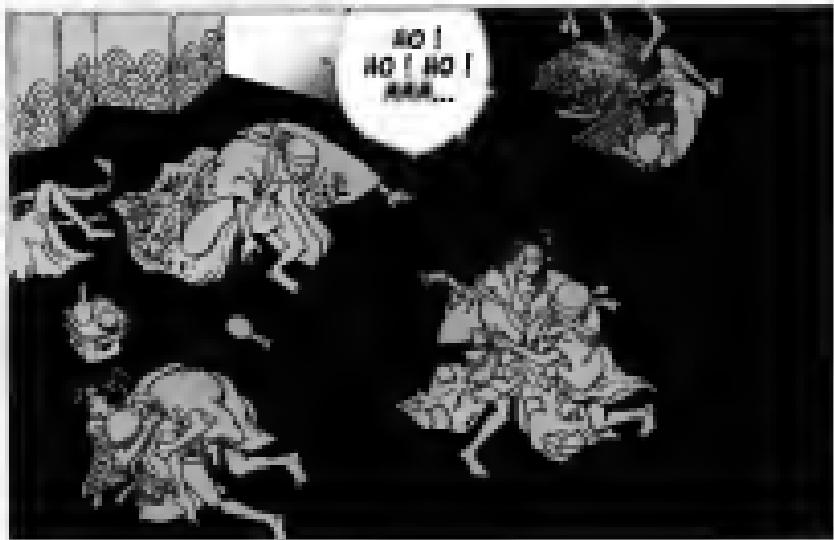
ONE RULES  
ON ANOTHER.

WAAH!  
AHH AHU

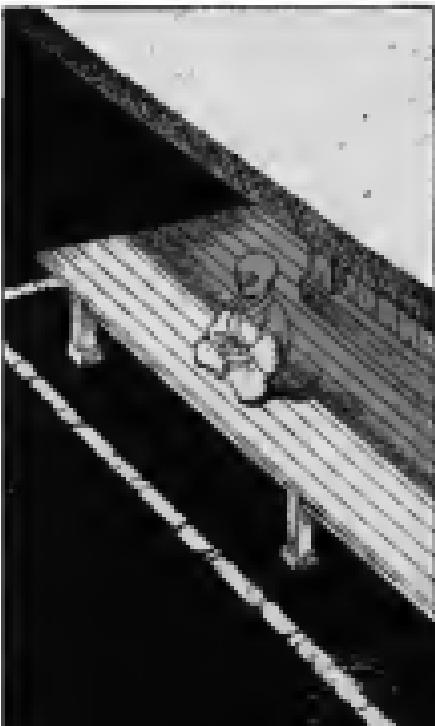
"WE'RE  
JUST ONE..."  
IT'S A HOI  
ONLY

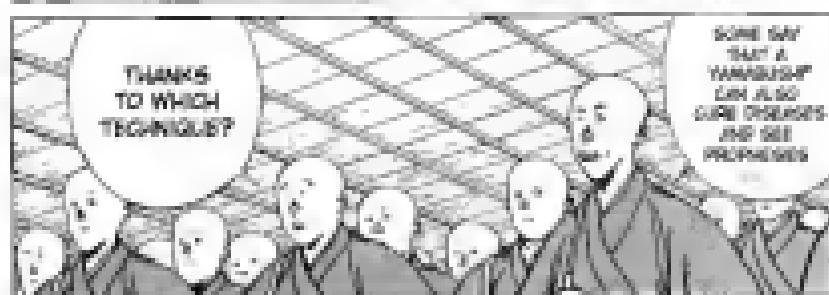
BY THE  
WAY, WHEN WILL  
YOU COUNT  
HAT YOUR  
SEALITY?

THE RULER MUST CERTIFY THE FACT THAT HIS PEOPLE HAS REACHED THE SPIRITUAL AWAKENING.

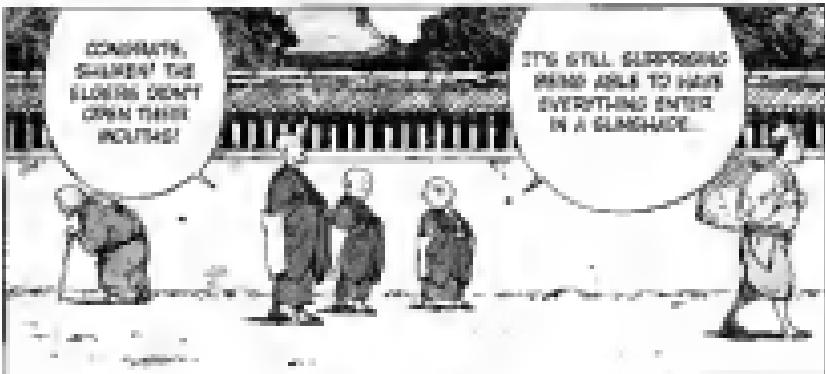




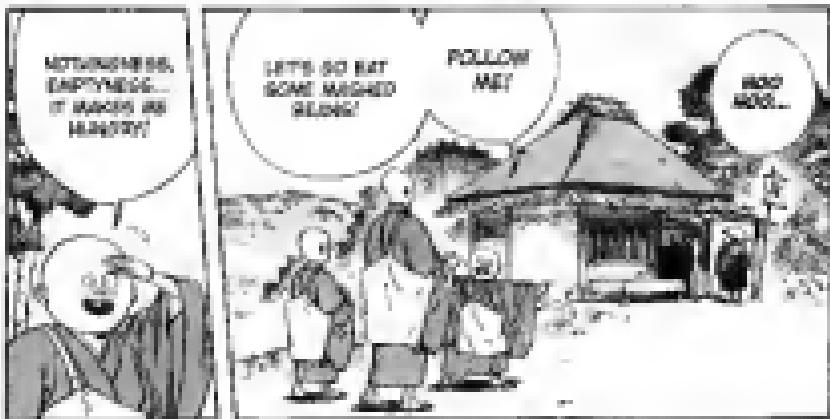
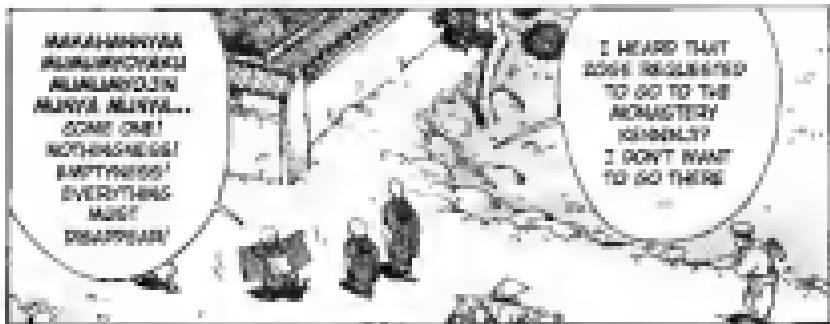


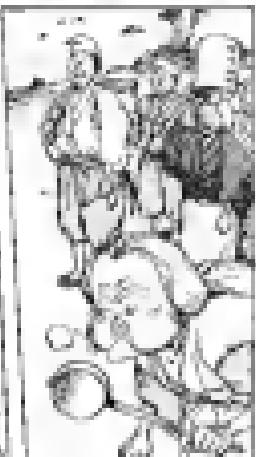
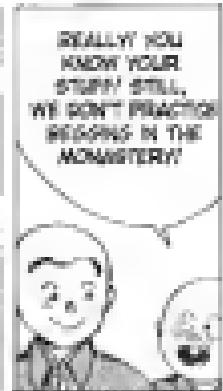
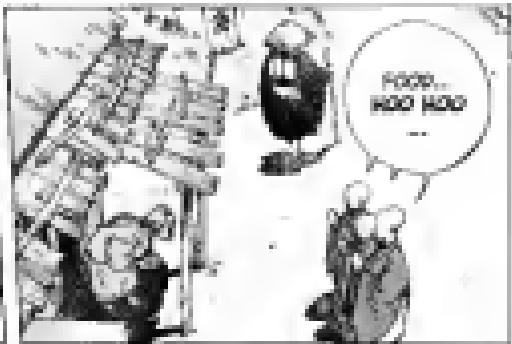


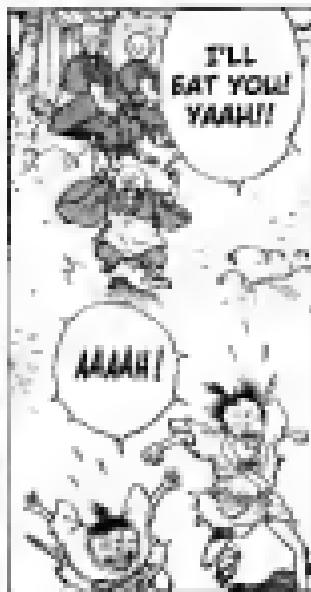
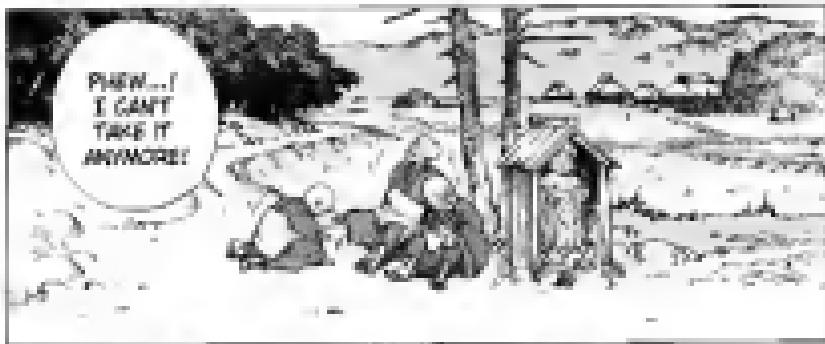












THE ZAZEN...  
SITTING HEAVY  
A GOAL, IT'S  
A MEANS...

WE SIT TO  
SOLVE THE ZEN  
PROBLEMS  
ASKED BY  
OUR MASTER.

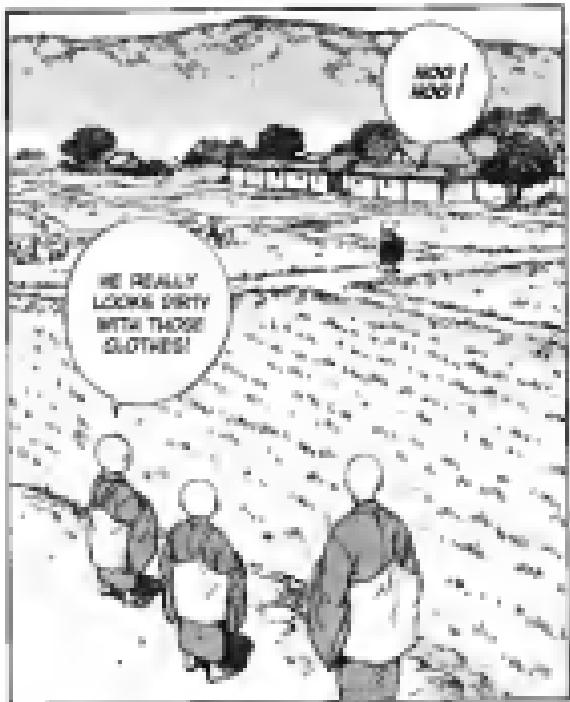
WHEN WILL  
I BE ABLE  
TO JOIN  
THESE  
MEETINGS?

HELL...  
I HAVEN'T  
TAKEN PART  
IN THEM  
MYSELF  
YET.



HOO / HOO







RYOHA  
SOTETSU



DON'T FORGET  
THE RHYMES,  
NOR THE 4  
SORTS OF  
INTONATIONS

...

THE  
POEM IS A  
REFLECTION  
OF THE  
HEART.



WRITING - A POEM  
SEEMS TO BE  
MUCH MORE  
INTERESTING  
THAN THE ZEN  
OR CHOKUSAI!

EXCEPT THAT  
YOU HAVE  
TO WRITE IT IN  
KANJI, LIKE  
THE SUTRAS!



THE CHILDREN OF  
KOSHU CALL KOSHU  
"THE TEMPLE OF  
STORY". TOSHIKAZU IS  
RECOMMENDED THE TEMPLE  
OF CALLIGRAPHY  
BECAUSE OF ITS  
HARVEST FEST.

YOU  
BET





IT WAS BUILT  
300 YEARS  
AGO, DURING  
THE KAMAKURA  
ERA.

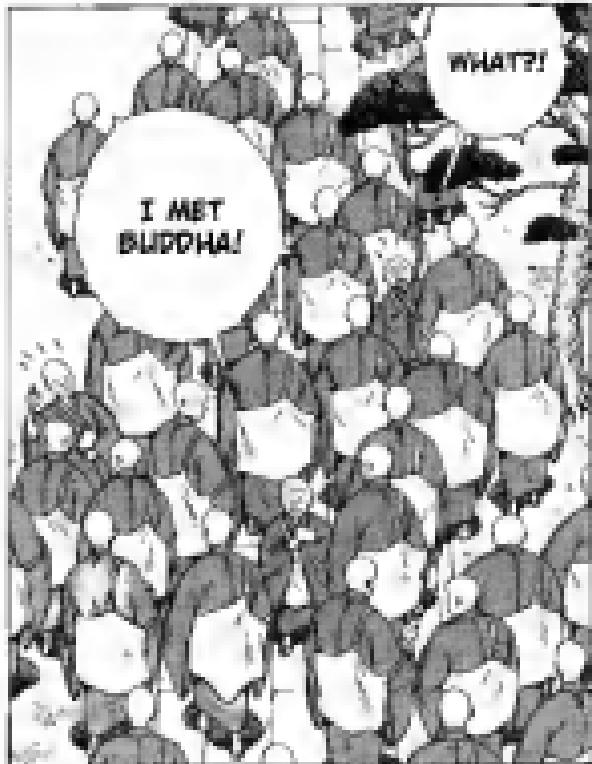
DOGEN WENT  
TO STUDY IN  
CHINA TWICE. HE'S  
THE FIRST ONE TO  
BRING TEA TO JAPAN.

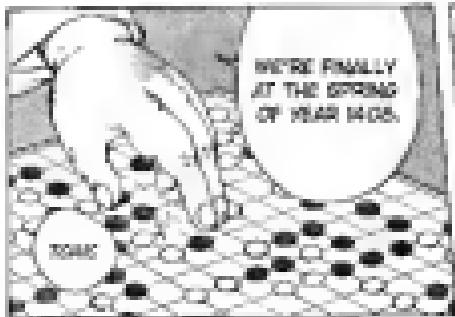
AT CHINA,  
I WONDER,  
WHAT KIND  
OF COUNTRY  
IT IS...

DURING THE NEMAI ERA,  
PEOPLE THOUGHT THERE  
WAS NOTHING ACROSS  
THE SEA BUT WATER.  
DURING THE KAMAKURA ERA,  
DOGEN WENT TO CHINA  
AND FOUNDED THE  
SECTS TENDAI,  
SHAMON AND  
SOKO.

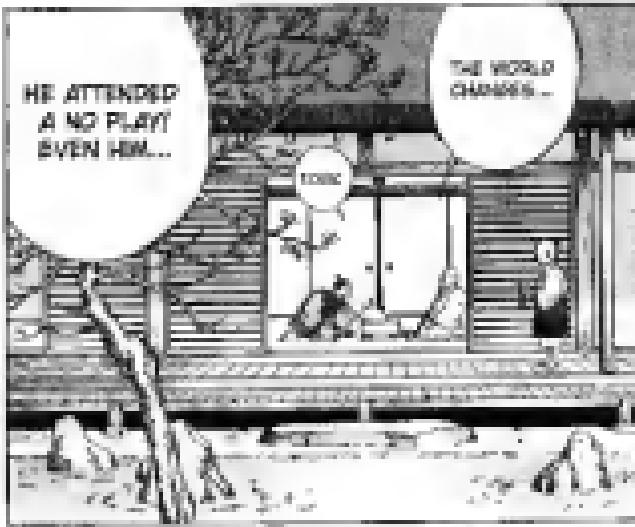
THEN  
BUDDHISM  
SPREAD.

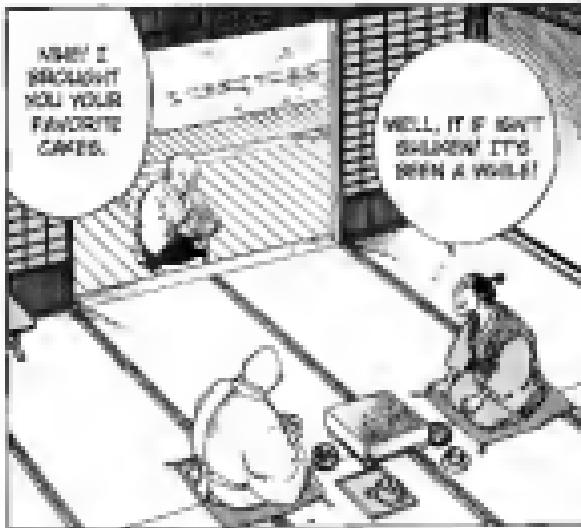
HONEN,  
SHINRAKU  
AND MICHIREN  
FOUNDED THEIR  
OWN SECTS.





WE'RE FINALLY  
AT THE SPRING  
OF YEAR 1400.







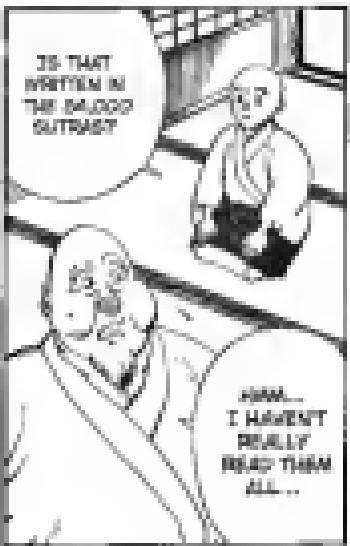
AT THE FIVE  
OF THE  
SHIBAKEN  
BEGAN  
WITNESSING  
IMMENSE  
POSSUM WHICH  
INCLINED  
WELL-KNOWN  
POSSUM ALL  
OF KYOTO.

THEY WERE  
SUCH  
THAT THEY  
WERE  
REFUGEE  
TO THE  
CITY  
TO THE  
CITY  
TO THE  
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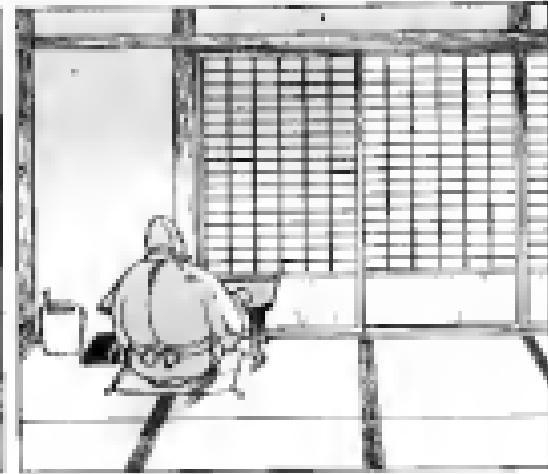
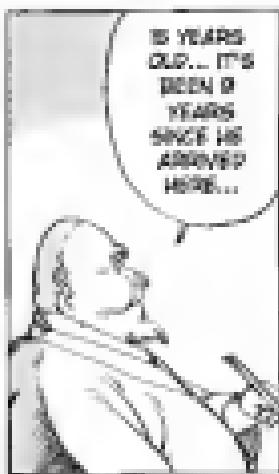
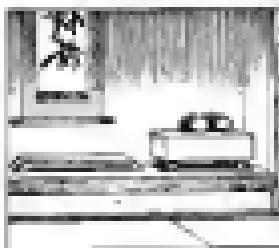
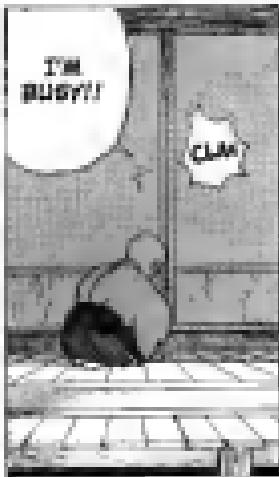
IT'S BAD... THAT IT  
DELIGHTS YOU TO GO  
AND SEE THE CHERRY  
BLOSSOMS, YEAH FALLING,  
PURIFY THE SKY AND THE  
EARTH... IT'S SO  
BEAUTIFUL THAT YOU GET  
THE FEELING OF  
SMELLING THEIR  
PERFUME ONCE  
AT HOME...

NOT BAD.  
NOT BAD AT ALL.  
IT'S PURE, CLEAR,  
MOBILE, ELEGANT...

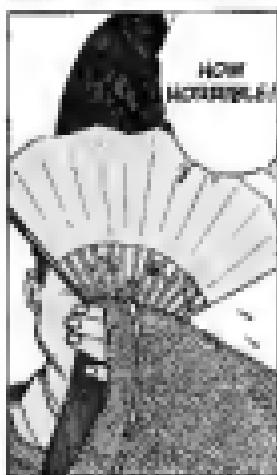
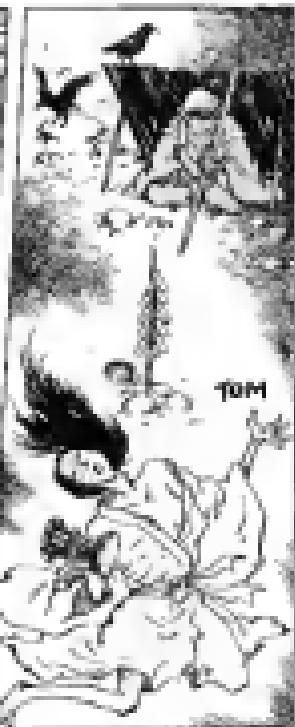
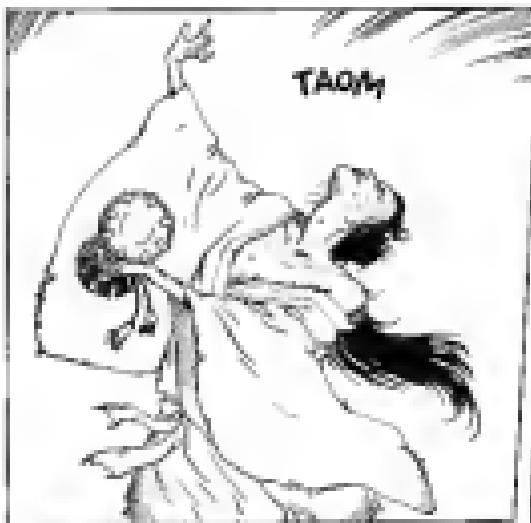


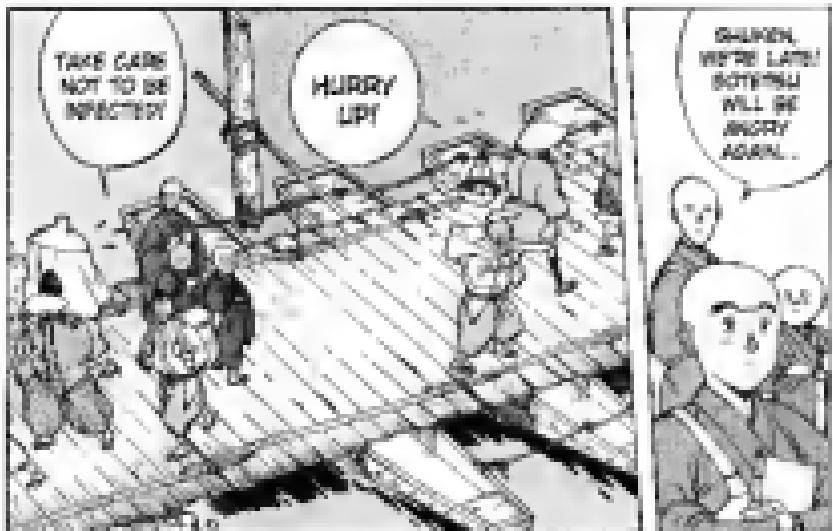






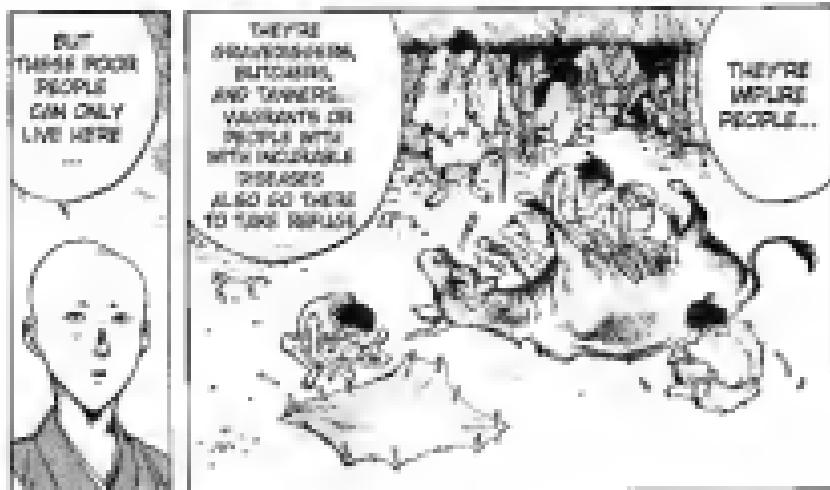


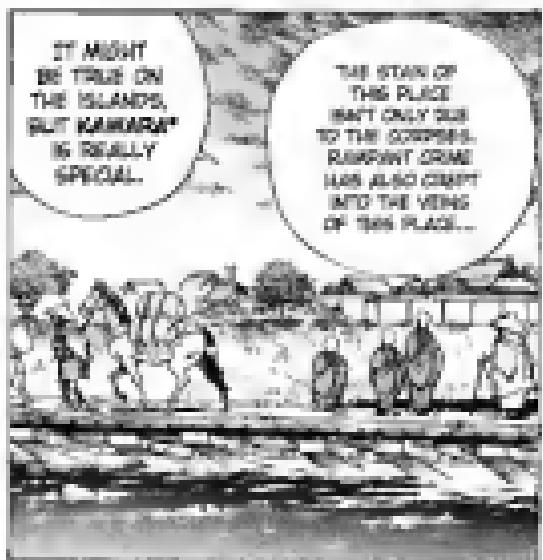






THROUGH THE HAZE





TRANSLATED IN THE JAPANESE TRANSLATOR HAS A CONVERSATION AND  
THREE OR FOUR OF UNQUOTE BOTTLED THREE LITTLE PUPPIES

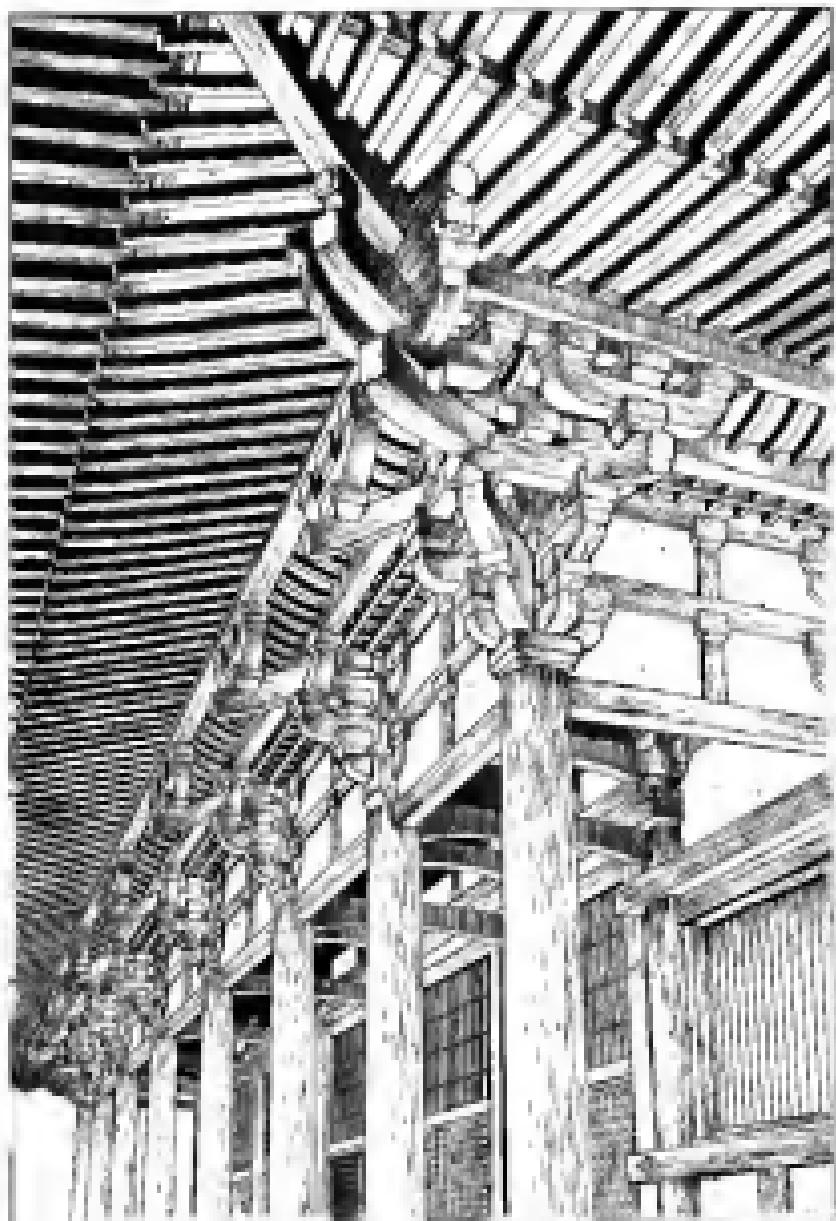












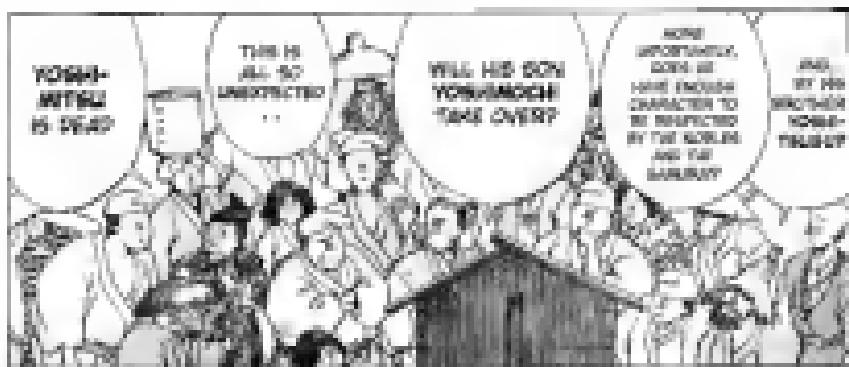
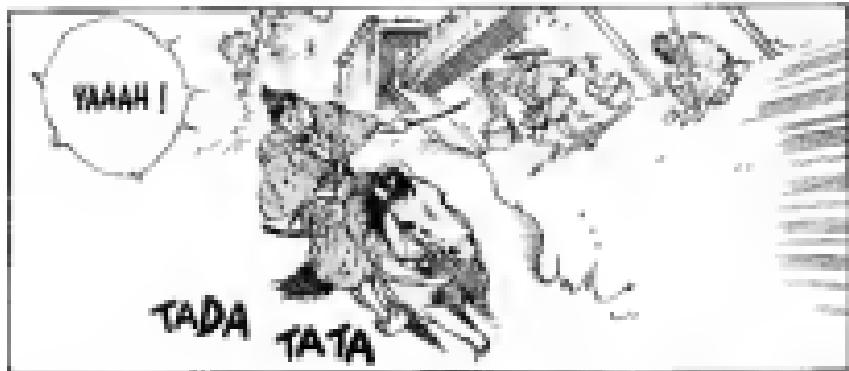
卷之三

花火の魔術

原作：大庭義人



TRANSLATOR: HORIZZT  
PROOFREADER: SHOO  
EDITOR: DONGO  
SCANNER: JON





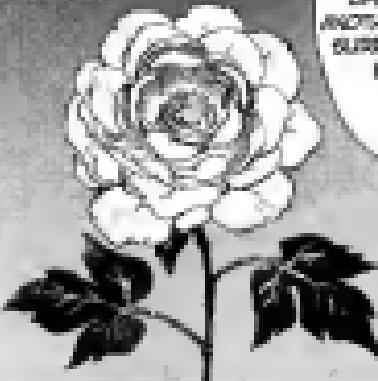
THE ACTOR  
MUST MAKE  
HIS PLAY  
INTERESTING, IN  
ORDER TO  
ATTRACT AN  
AUDIENCE...



ME IS  
LIKE A  
FLOWER,

AMONG THE  
COMMON  
PLANTS...

THE FLOWERS  
OPEN ONE AFTER  
ANOTHER... PROVOKING  
SURPRISE, STIRRING  
EMOTIONS...

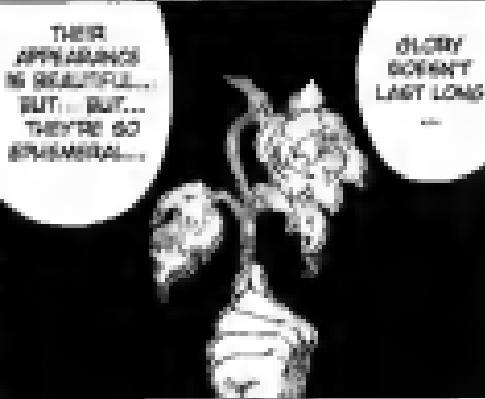


FLOWERS ARE  
INTERESTING  
AND COLORFUL.  
BUT...  
AMONG PLANTS  
THE SAME  
CAN BE ALSO  
ABOUT THE  
SHRINK...



THEIR  
APPEARANCE  
IS BEAUTIFUL...  
BUT... BUT...  
THEY'RE SO  
Ephemeral...

CHERRY  
BOMBANT  
LAST LONG



A FLOWER  
WITHERS.  
IT HAS BUT  
ONE MOMENT  
TO SHINE...  
THE ACTOR  
TOO, HAS  
HIS MOMENT  
OF GLORY

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NO...



BUT... BUT THAT  
DOESN'T COMFORT  
ME AT ALL!



IT  
TALLY  
IS A  
SHARD.



SUCCESS FOLLOWED  
MY FATHER UNTIL  
THE MOMENT OF HIS  
DEATH. HE MAINTAINED  
HIS IMAGE THROUGHOUT  
HIS YEARS. HE WAS  
THE PHOENIX  
OF THE ART...





BUT TEAR  
THE GARDEN  
OF HIS  
IN-FLAME.  
YOSHIMI-  
NOCHI'S  
FIRST ACT  
WAS TO  
DESTROY  
THE GOLD  
HOUSE.

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WE USED THE  
SPLINTERED WOOD  
TO BUILD  
ANOTHER  
PALACE BY YUKI,  
AT THE DEATH  
OF TSURUGI.  
YOSHIMITSU'S  
MADNESS, THE GOLD  
HOUSE, IN SPITE  
OF YOKO'S OTHER  
EARLY DRUG, HAD  
COMPLETELY  
DEGENERATED.



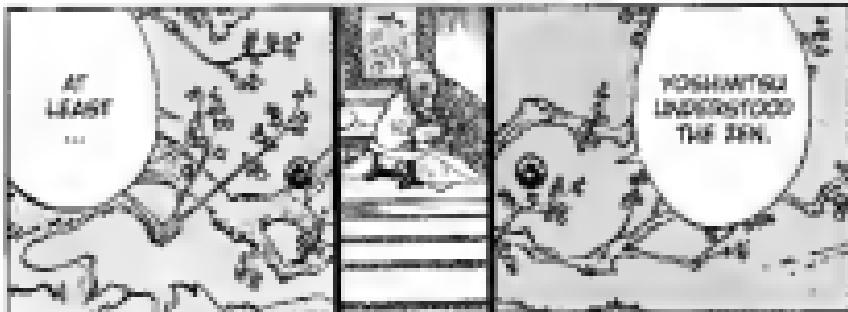
BUT TEAR  
CONTINUED  
IN SECRET

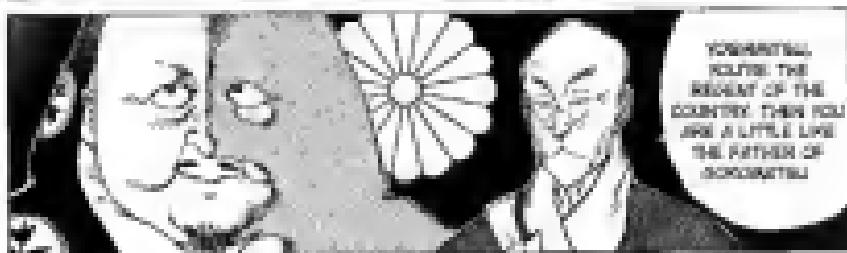


THE TENGWALLS  
MONASTERY HAS  
ACHIEVED THE  
PRIME RANK.  
SHONOKAWA IS  
NOW IN THE  
BACKGROUND.

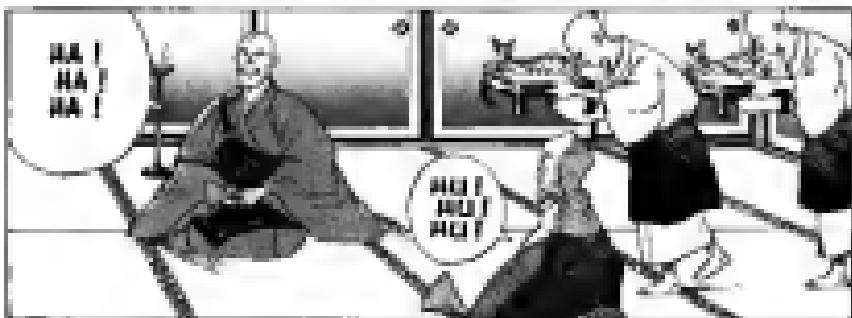
IT'S YOSHIMITSU  
WHO PROMOTED IT  
TO THIS RANK... HIS  
SON IS TAKING  
REVENGE...

AH... IF ONLY  
HE COULD RETIRE...  
WHAT WILL  
BECOME OF THE 4  
MONASTERIES...?









AH,  
GREAT!

MACKEREL'S  
MY FAVORITE  
FISH!"

AND LOOK AT  
THIS CHINESE  
VASE!"

IT'S  
SPLendid  
TOO!

HA !  
HA !  
HA !

THE  
WATER  
COURT  
IN  
SHANGHAI

THE IMPERATOR OF  
THE NINETEEN PROVINCES  
HAD TUTORS OF  
MUSIC AND DANCE ALSO  
WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM IN  
MILITARY RAID  
OR PLUNDER. THIS NUMBERED  
OF TEMPLES  
THROUGHOUT THE  
EMPIRE. ON THEM THE  
IMPERATOR CONTROLLED  
THEIR RICH AND  
PROSPEROUS  
CITIES FROM

CLAC! CLAC!  
CLAC!

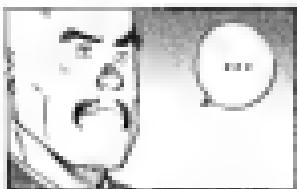
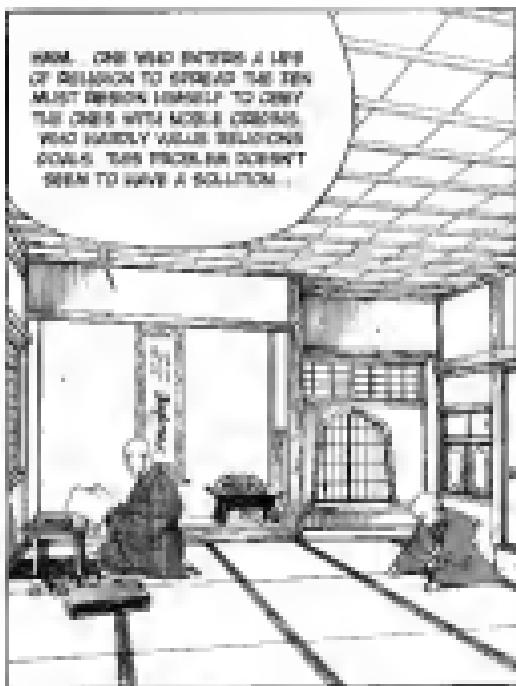


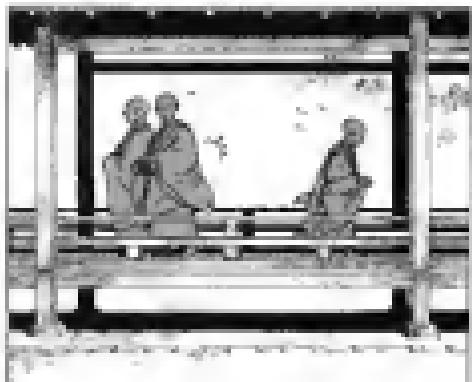


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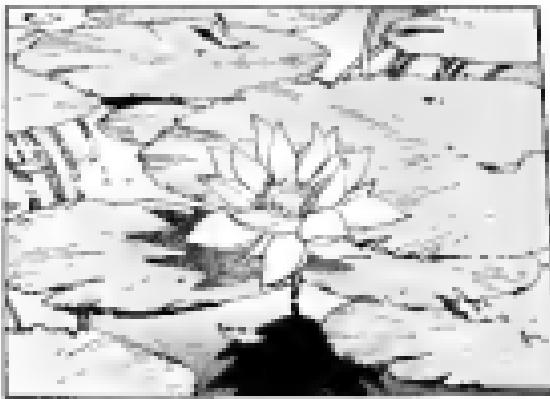
TO MAKE A NAME  
FOR ONESELF  
BY TEACHING LIES  
AND DOING BAD THINGS  
LEAVES NO DISTINCTION  
OF ONE'S OWN DISTINGUISH-  
MENT FROM MUDGELS. IT  
RESULTS IN A  
CONSTANT FIGHT  
WITH WRONG.



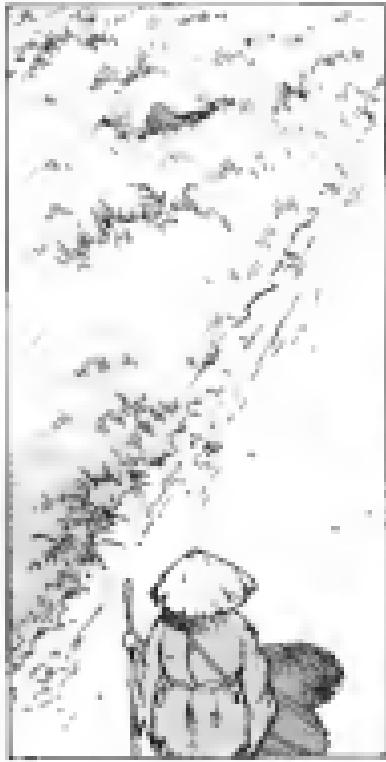


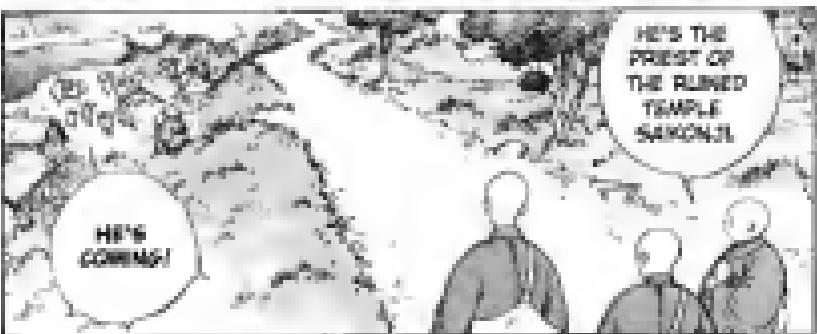


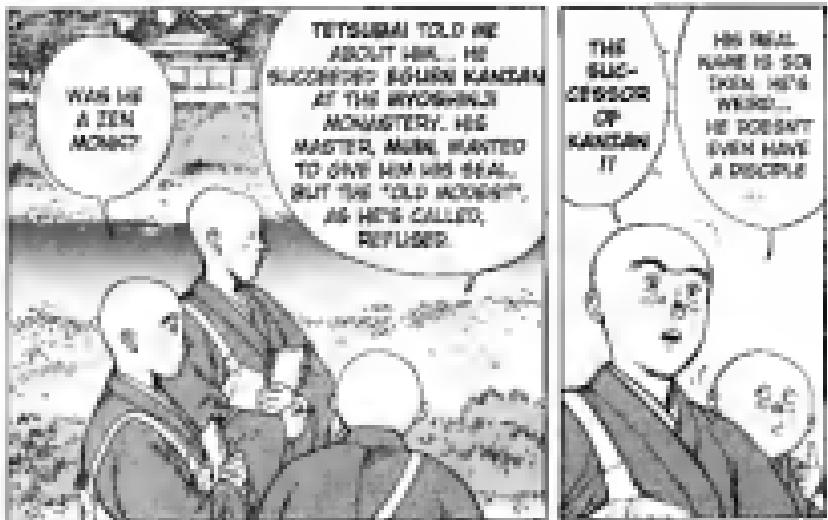


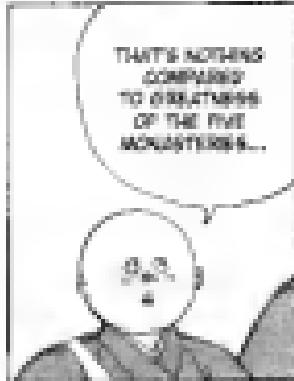












WHAT DO YOU  
KNOW WHAT  
HAPPENED WHEN  
DAIPIO HAD AN  
ENCOUNTER WITH  
THE EX-EMPEROR  
HARAKOYOTU?

HMM ..



THE  
REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE LAW,  
MEETING WITH THE  
REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THAT  
MYSTERIOUS  
RELIGION!

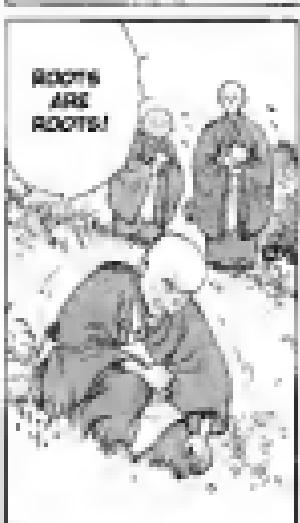
DAIPIO  
HOSHI -  
THREE  
DAMON-  
TAKO

THE  
REPRESENTATIVE  
OF OUR RELIGION,  
MEETING WITH THE  
REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THAT  
MYSTERIOUS  
LAW!



HMM ..



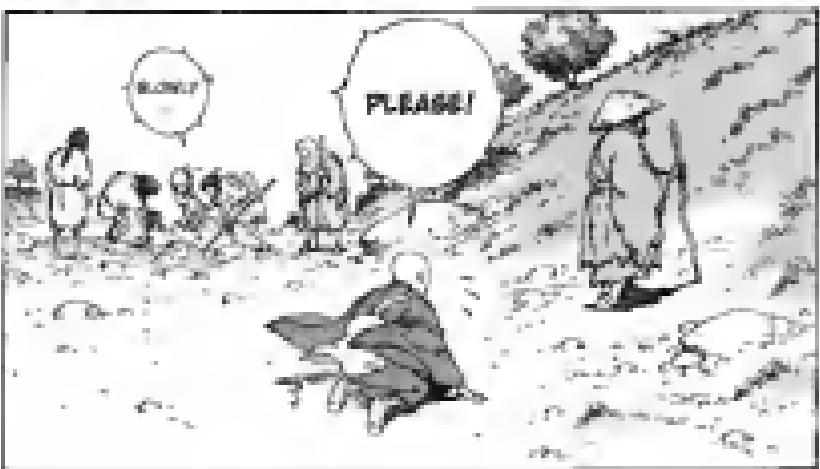
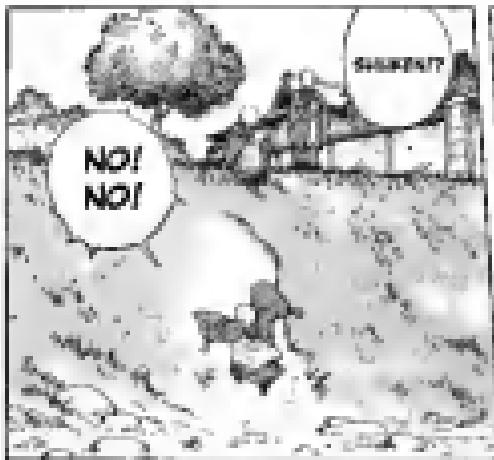


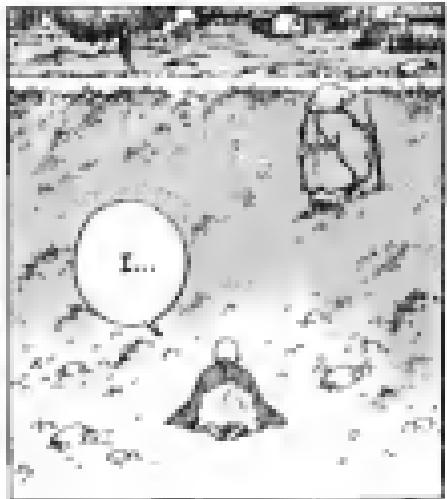
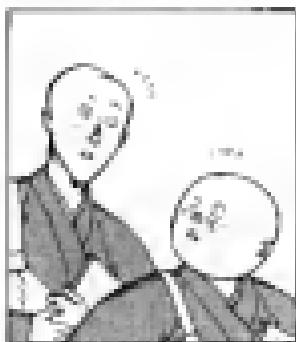


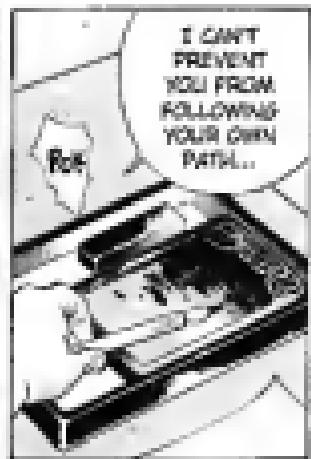
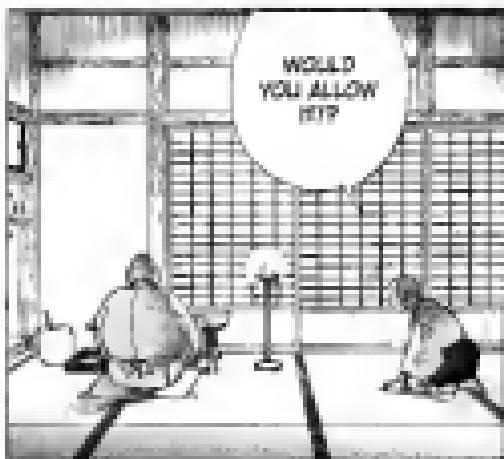
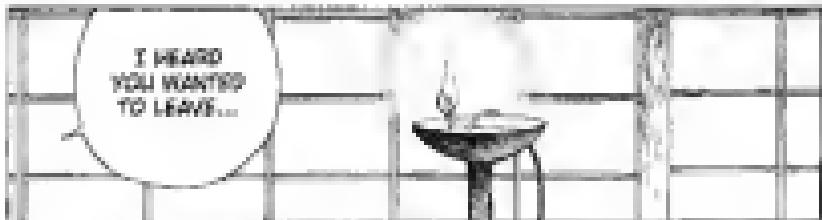
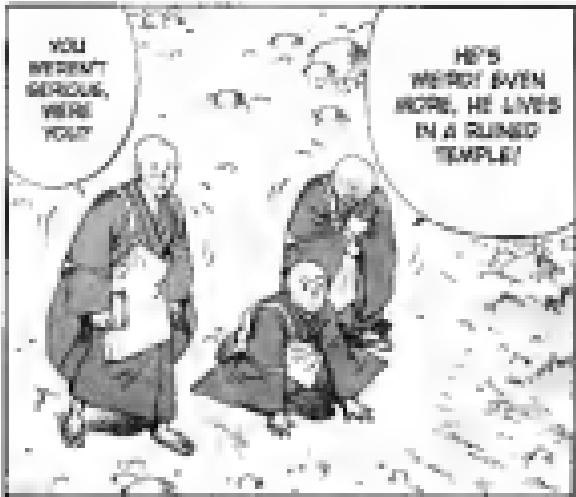


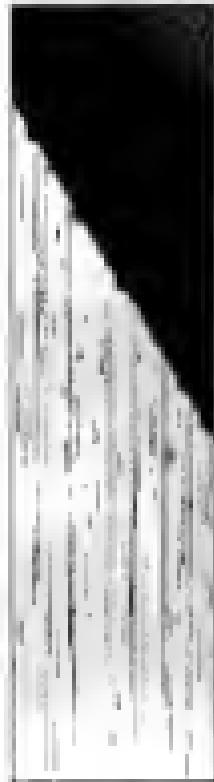
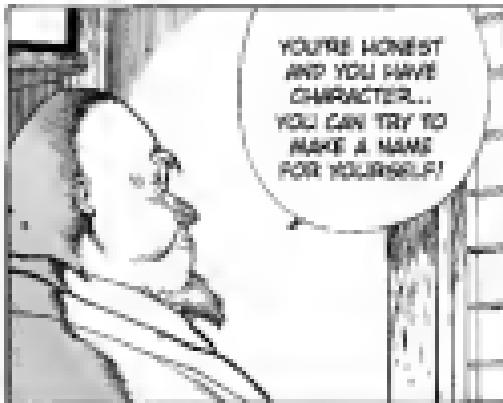
IT'S  
DREADFUL

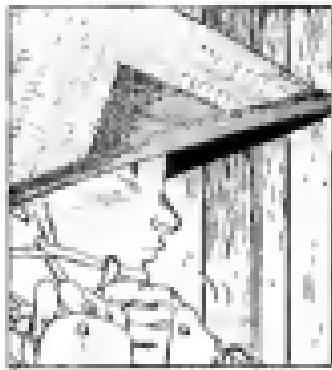






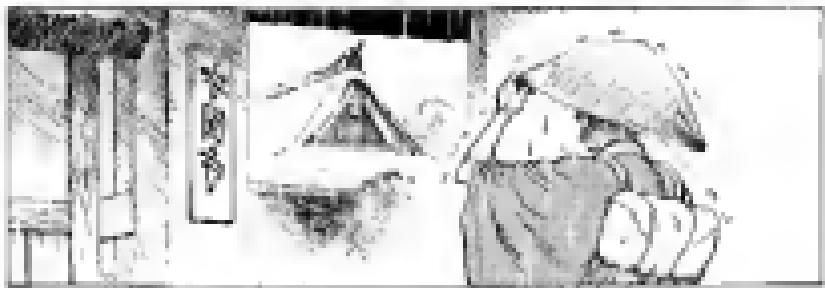






LIKE THE CLOUDS,  
HE HAS NO PLACE TO  
GO, AND LIKE THE WATER,  
HE NEVER STOPS. HE'S  
NOW A TRAVELLING  
FRIEST...

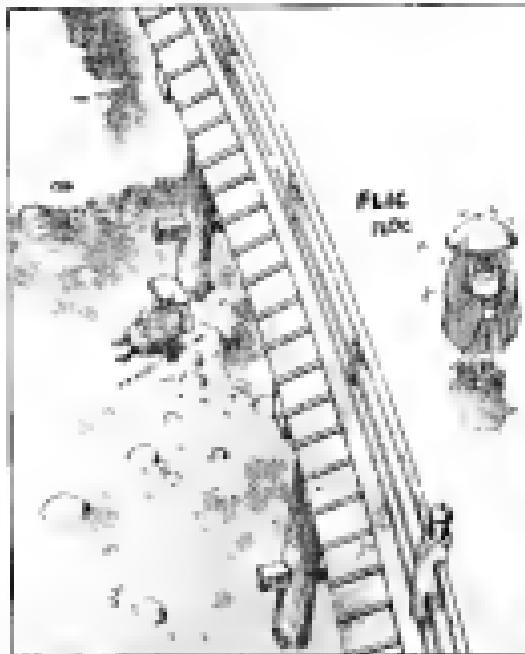
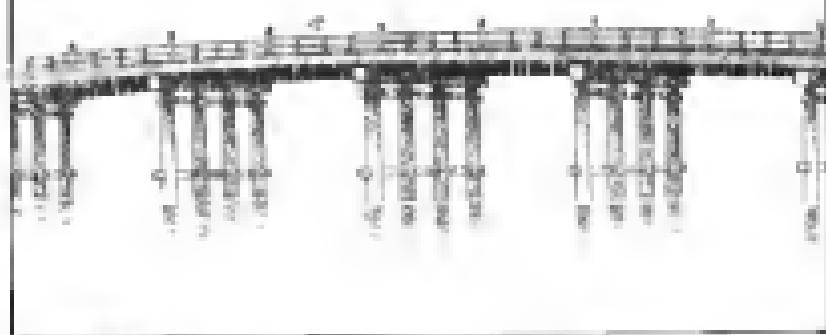
A  
TRAVELLING  
FRIEST?

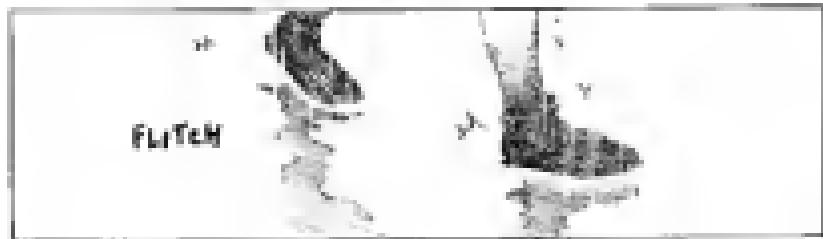
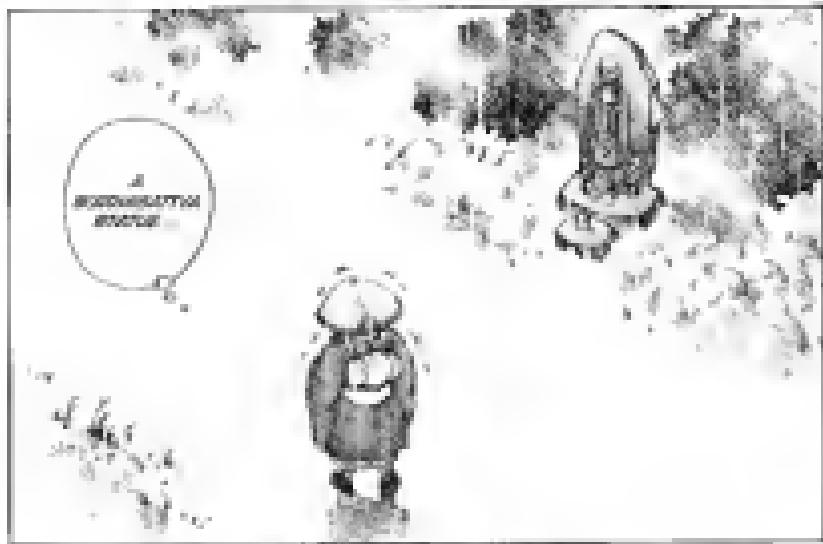
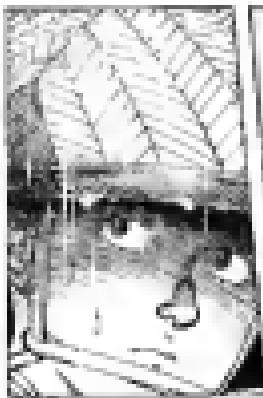




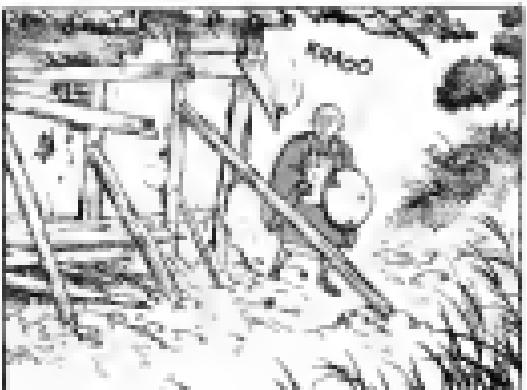
PLITCH  
PLITCH

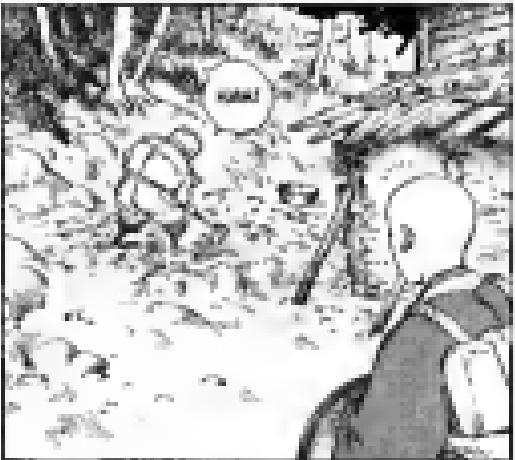
HATSURU RIVER

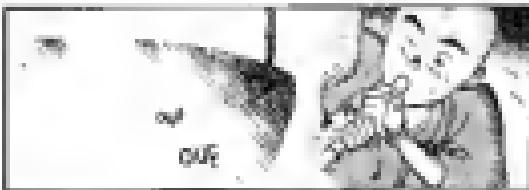
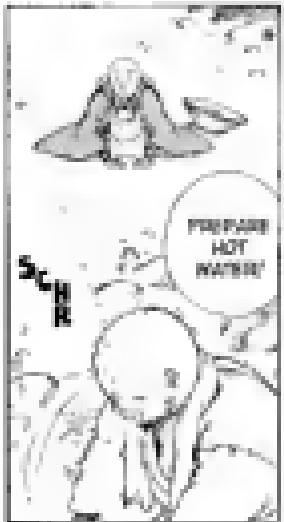




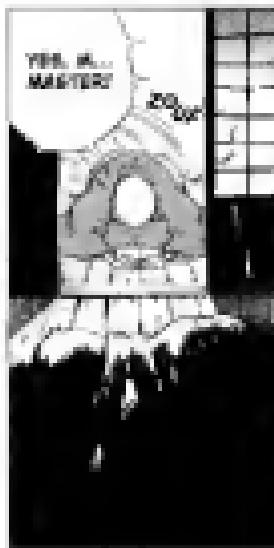
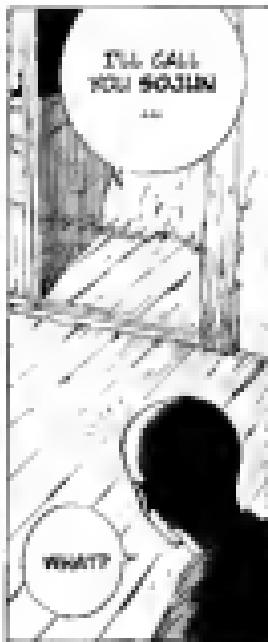
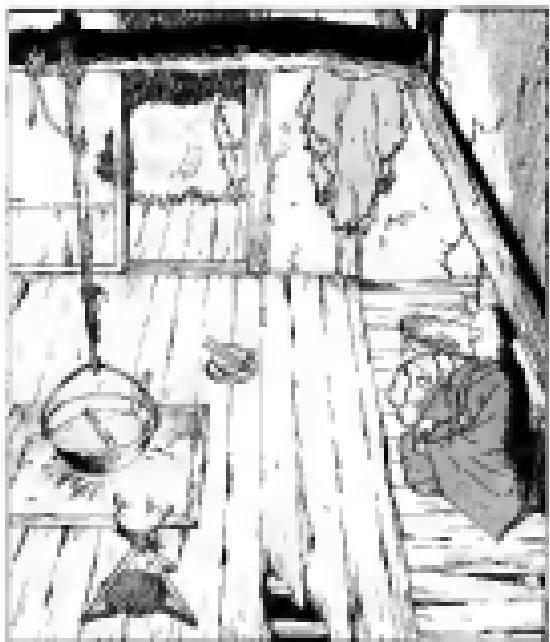
















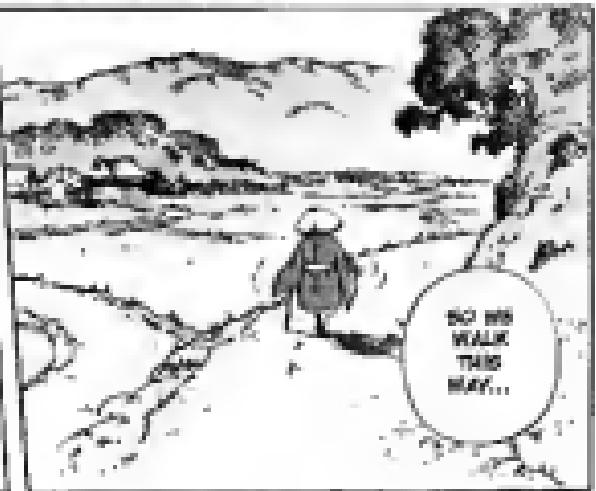


TEMPLE AND RUIN

第四話 「破札寺 西金寺」



ZZZ!

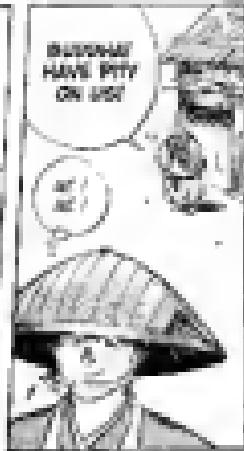
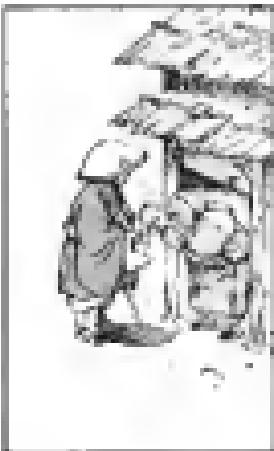
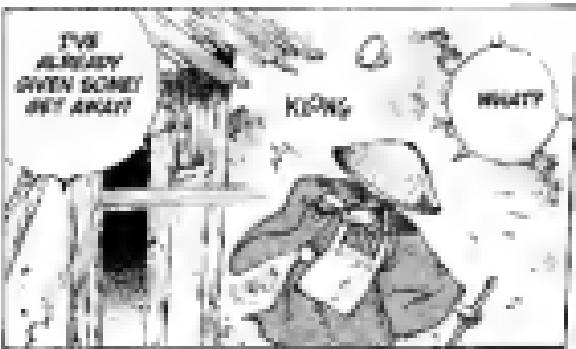


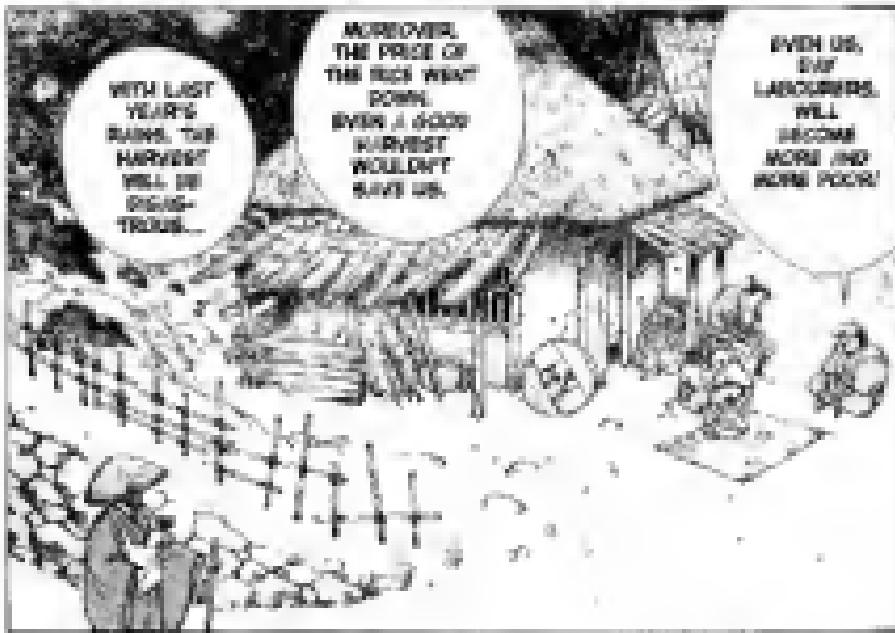
AT THE TEMPLE, FROM  
MORNING TO NIGHT,  
THE DAY IS ALWAYS THE  
SAME: WAKING UP,  
BATHING, MEAL, TEA  
CEREMONY, HOUSE-  
WORK, CHORES,  
TAKEIN...  
EACH SORROW

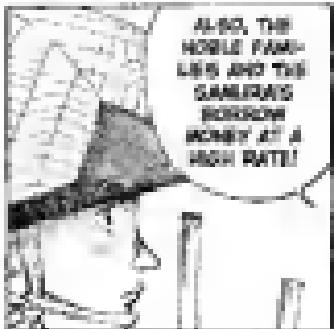
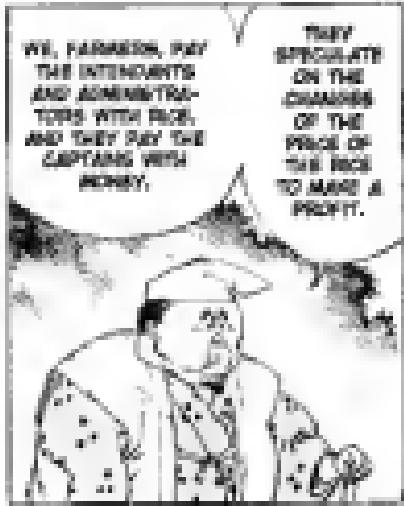
TAKEIN

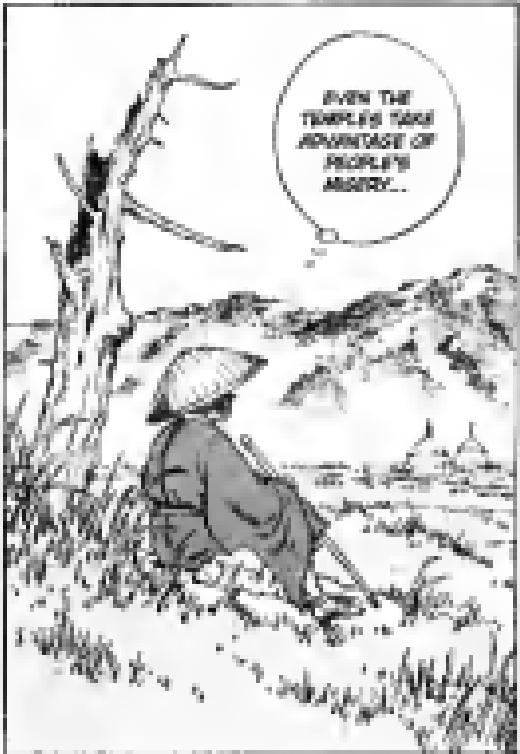
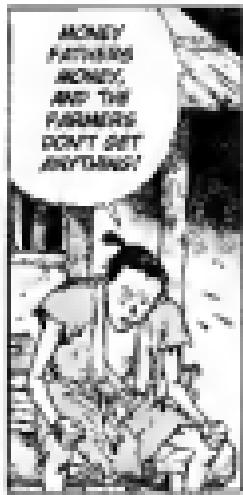
LETS  
START  
WITH  
THIS  
HOUSE...

HIV





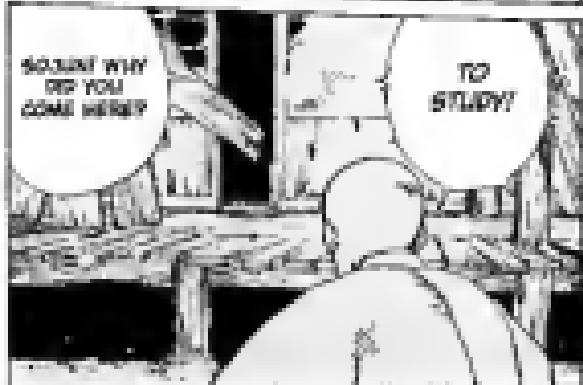
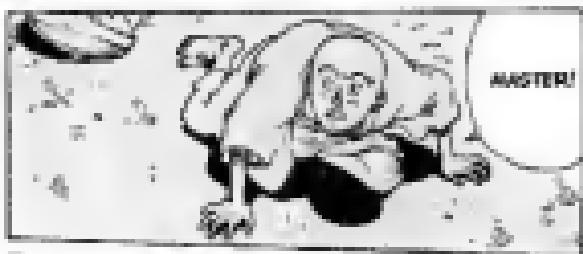
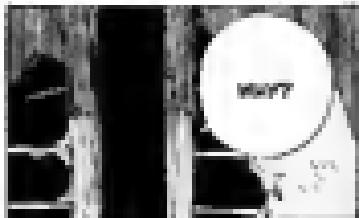


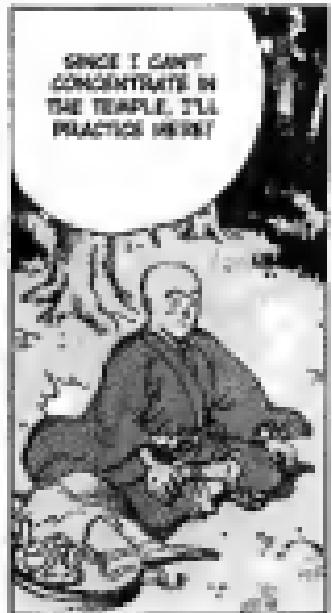
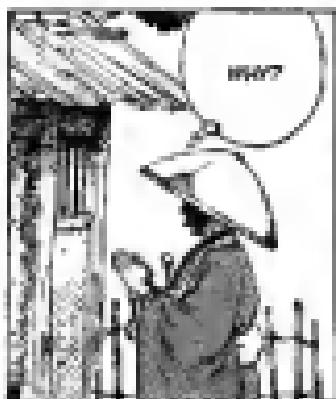


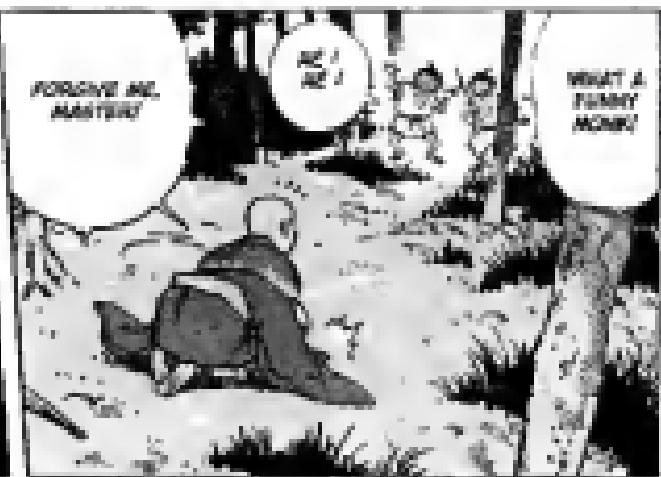


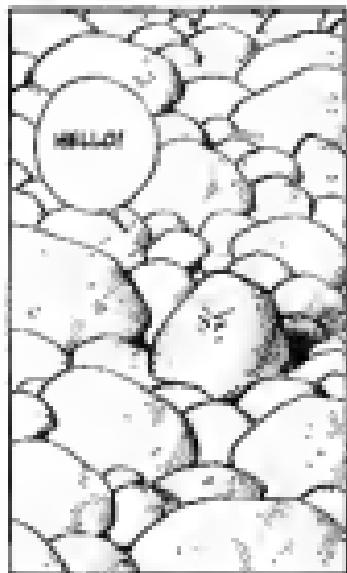












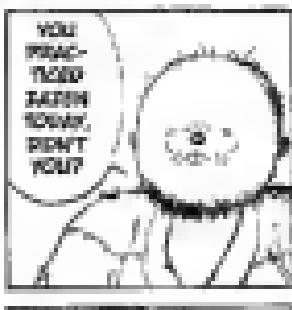




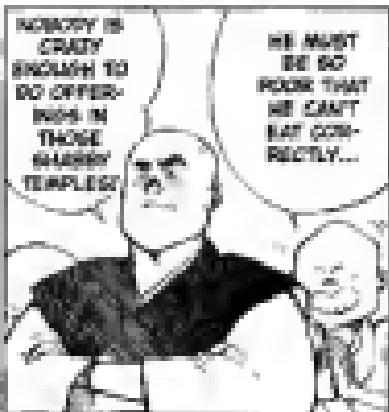
I CAN'T  
MANAGE TO  
EMPTY MY  
MIND...

CONCEN-  
TRATE...









TOUCH. WE  
DON'T  
NEED TO  
GO OUT.

PLUR

PLUR

YOU'RE  
RIGHTY  
WEIRD  
THIS  
PARK.

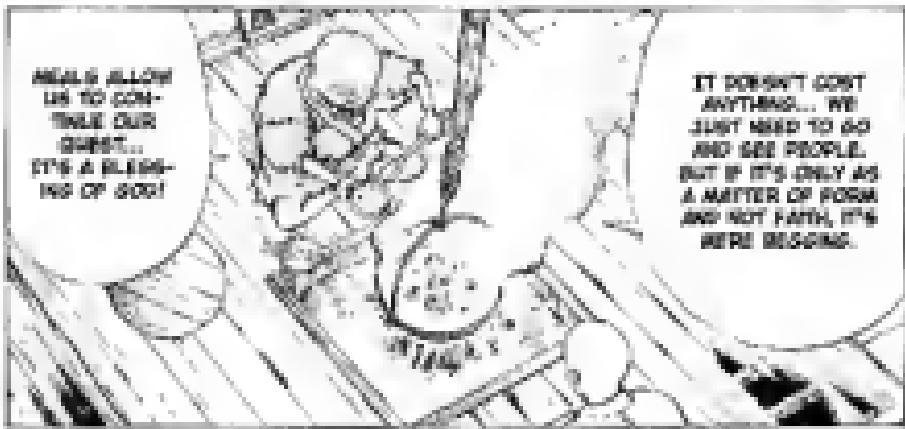
NO,  
THAT'S  
NOT IT!

BUT  
THAT  
CAN BE  
EXCUSE

BUH THE  
STILL  
ALIVE.  
AREN'T IT?

MEALS ALLOW  
US TO CON-  
TRIBUTE OUR  
GROCERIES...  
IT'S A BLAST-  
ING OF GOOD!

IT DOESN'T COST  
ANYTHING... WE  
JUST NEED TO GO  
AND SEE PEOPLE.  
BUT IF IT'S ONLY AS  
A MATTER OF FORM  
AND NOT FAITH, IT'S  
WERE MISSING.



MASTER! WHY DO  
YOU STAY AWAY FROM  
LOOKING FOR TRUTH  
WITH THE JAZER?

SLOW! SLOW!

STOP!

THERE IT IS THE  
WEATHER IS  
MIST BUT WHERE  
ARE THE CLOUDS  
GOING...?



OH! THEIR  
SHAPES  
CHANGE  
LITTLE BY  
LITTLE!



THAT ONE,  
THIRST IT  
LOOKS LIKE  
A PRISON-  
ROOM!



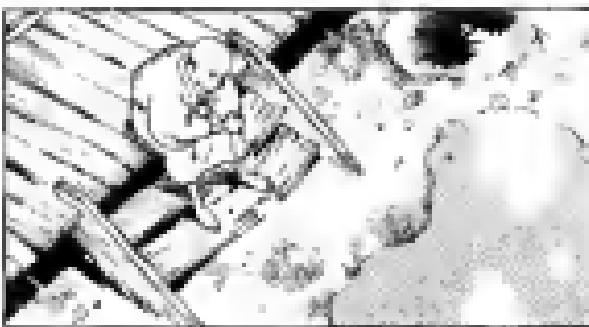
MASTER!  
WHY DON'T  
YOU TAKE  
OTHER DIS-  
CIPLES?

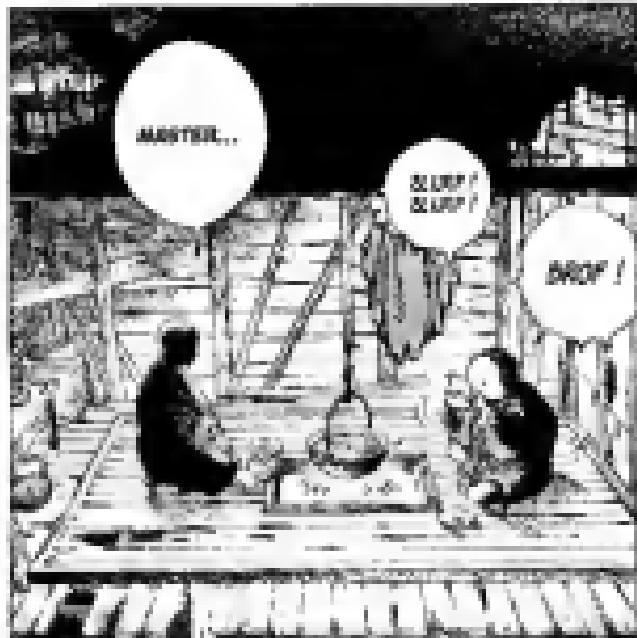
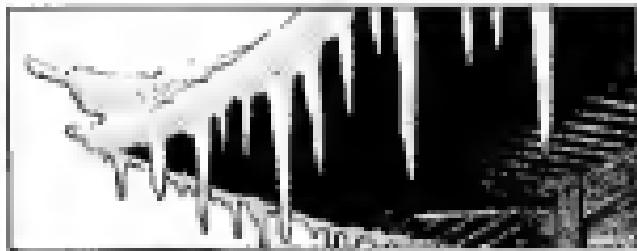
AND YOU,  
WHY DID  
YOU COME  
IN THIS  
FROZEN  
TEMPLE?

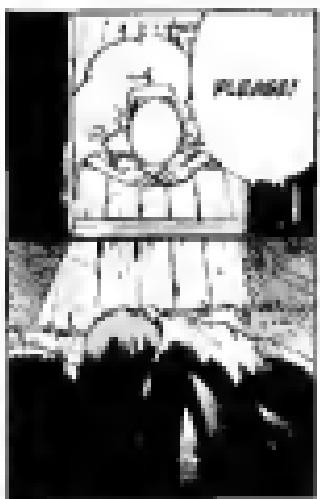
YOU ARE  
STRANGE

ODD...

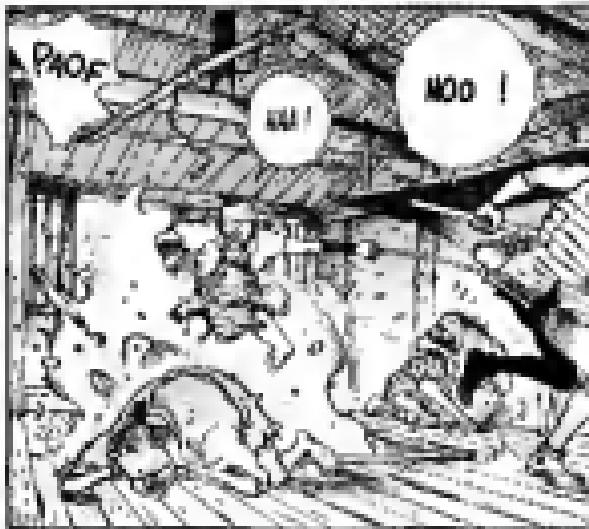




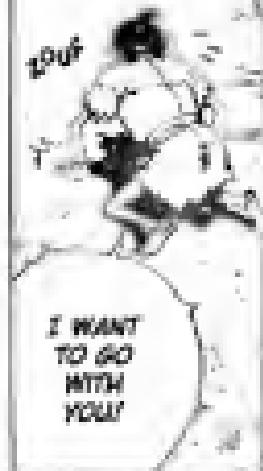
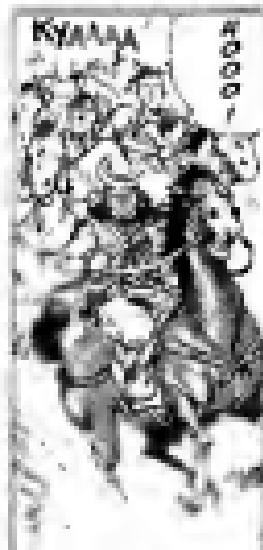


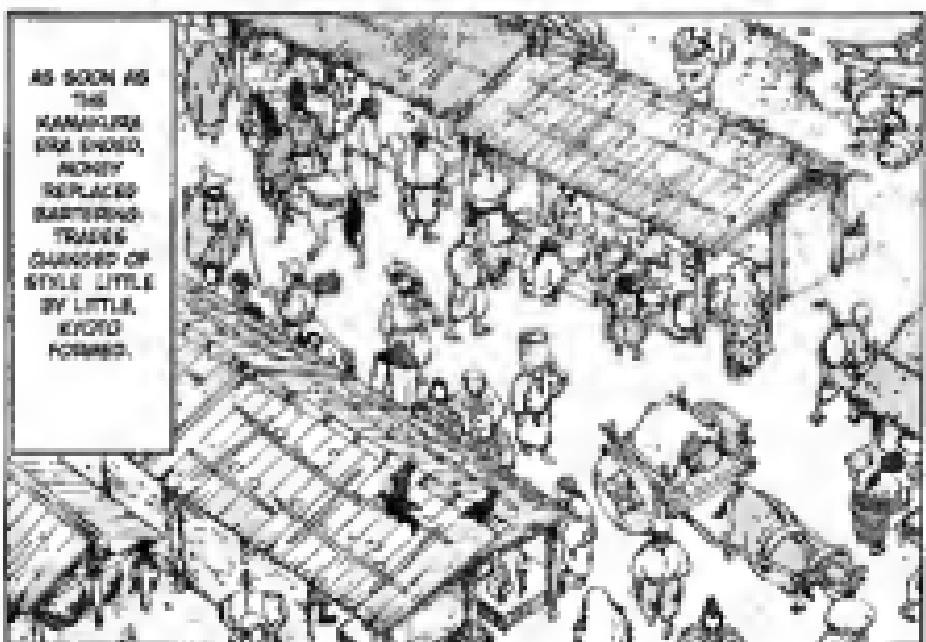












PEOPLE DRINK  
MORE AND MORE.  
OVER THIRTY TWO  
BAKE SHOPS  
OPENED...

KIN!

AH, LIFE IS  
BEAUTIFUL

BEFORE, ONLY  
THE LORDS  
OWNED LAND...  
NOW ANYONE  
MONEY IS  
ENCOURAGED

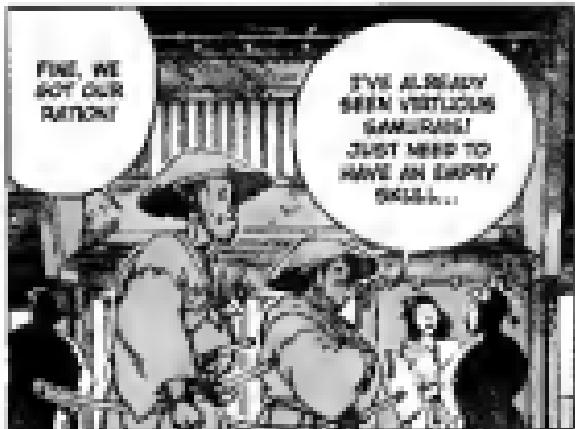
MONEY  
FLEWS  
WELL!

MY DEAR,  
CAN YOU  
LEND ME  
MONEY FOR  
CHASING?

AH!  
AH!  
AH!

GOON  
ONE...



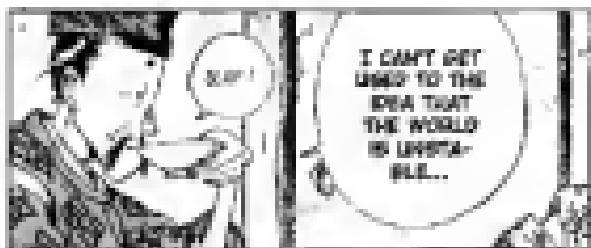




WHEN THE ELEVEN HOURS COME,  
I SPEND MY TIME AT MY  
WRITING CASE, TO NOTE  
INCONCERNED THOUGHTS.  
—ANDREWS...  
ELEVEN HOURS— FOREWORD



CHIYODA HAS  
GIVEN ALL ITS VALUE  
TO THE WORLD  
OTH ANOTHER



THOSE STUPID  
BANDITS  
NEVER GAVE A  
PENNY ON THIEF!

NO JEST...  
NOMORE  
COULD  
BELIEVE  
THAT!

THE ONLY  
ONE WHO  
WOULD  
BELIEVE IT,  
IT'S ME!

FINE, IT'S NOT  
THAT I DON'T  
HAVE TIME  
BUT...







LET'S  
UNITE!  
LET'S  
MURKOS!

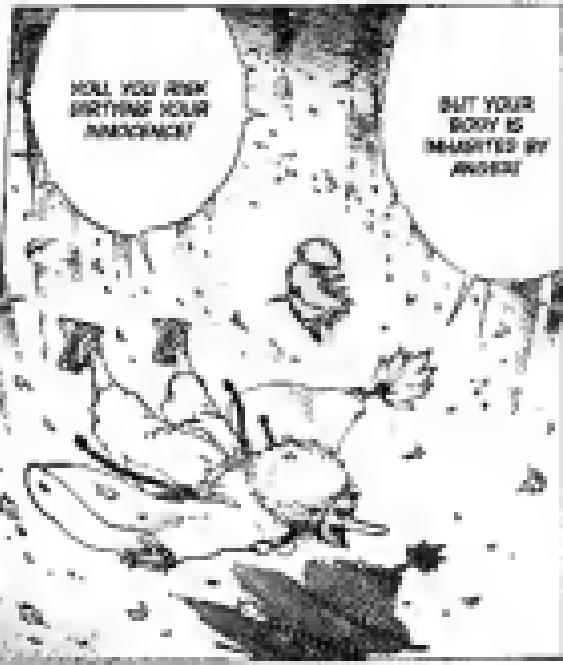
GYAOOOOO



BAOM

LET'S  
CAPTIVATE  
TOGETHER  
WHAT  
HARMING  
BLUPHISH!

TOGETHER,  
WE'LL WIN  
AGAINST  
THE  
WICKED!





A...  
SO... II



HIPPOCRATE! ONLY  
THE HEARTS OF  
THE IR理MANITARI-  
ANS ARE DEATH-  
TICKED! IF YOU  
DON'T COME,  
YOU'LL SINK INTO  
DEATH!

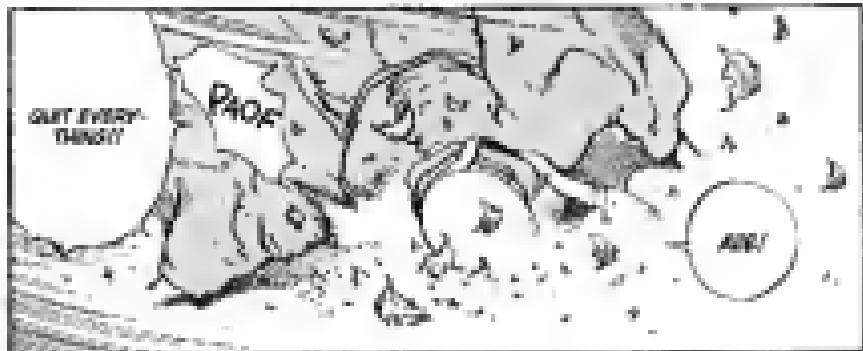
GIVE EVERY-  
THING FOR  
THE IR理ANT  
LIVES!

WAHAAH

GIVE EVERY-  
THING

PAOF

ABU

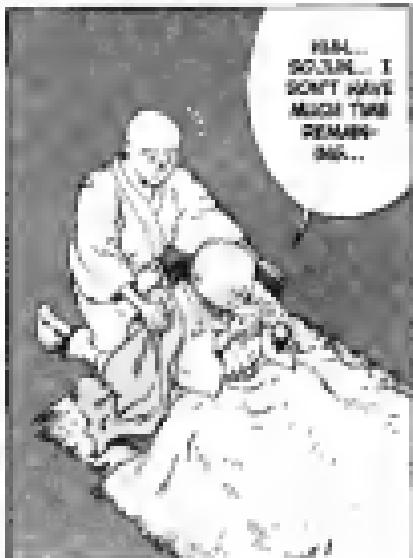
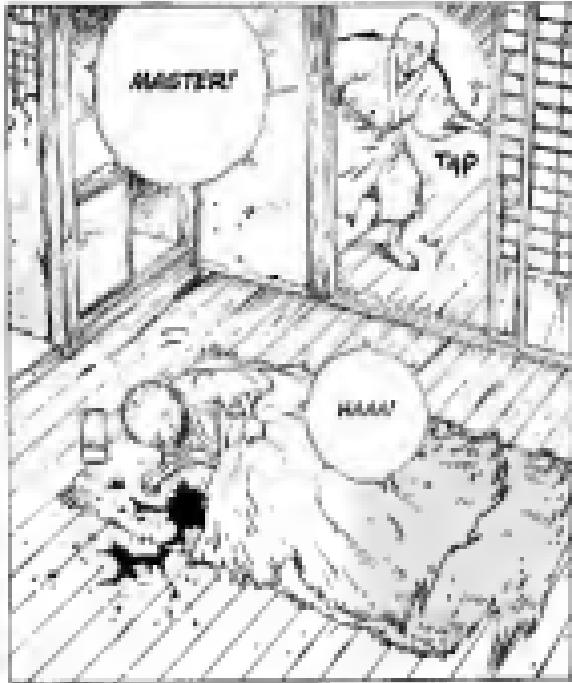


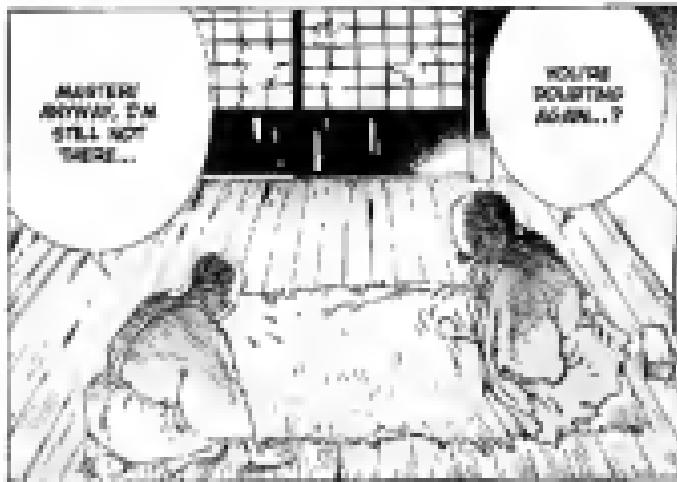


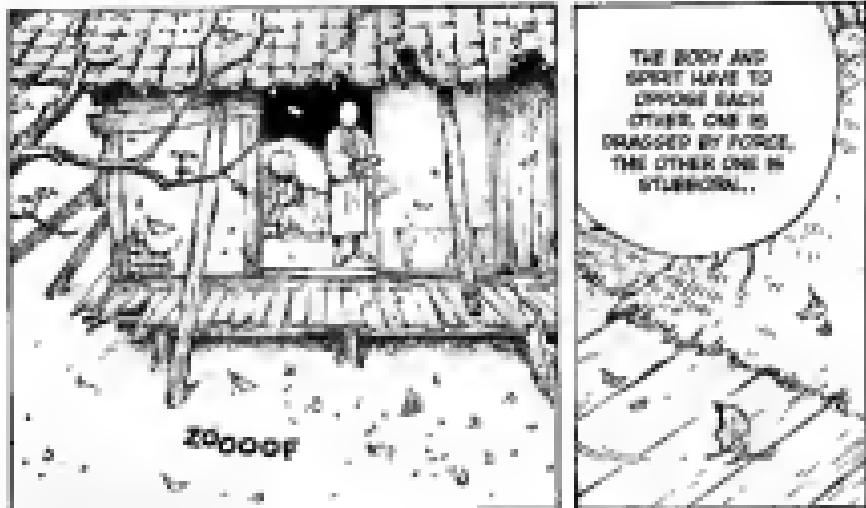
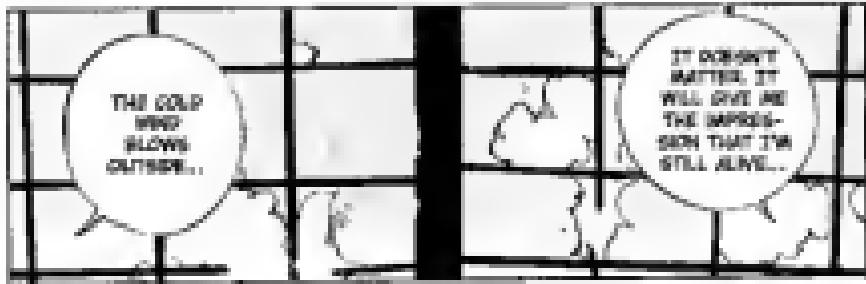
FOUR  
YEARS  
PASSED.  
KENO BOY  
TURNS OLD—  
LOUD



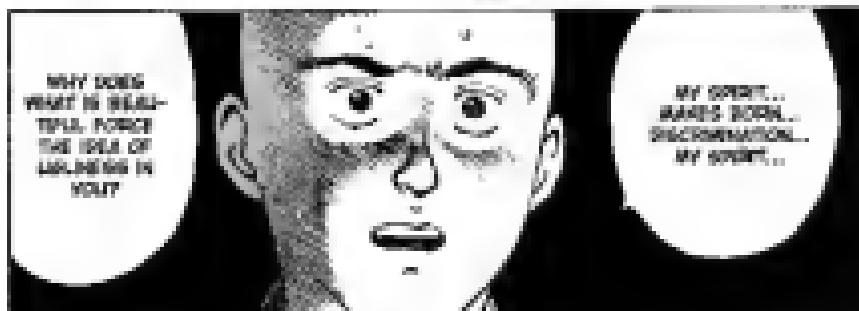
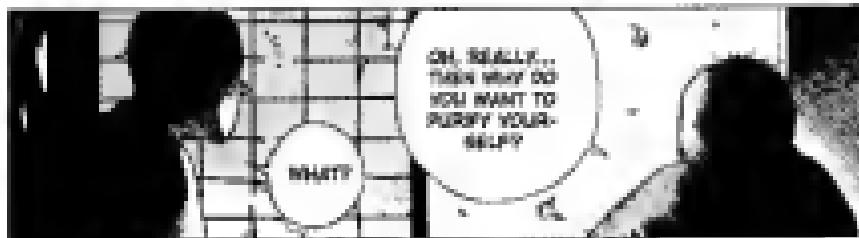














AM I?  
DISCRIMINATING... IT?

I CAN'T...

ON DECEMBER  
14/14, KIAD  
DIED...

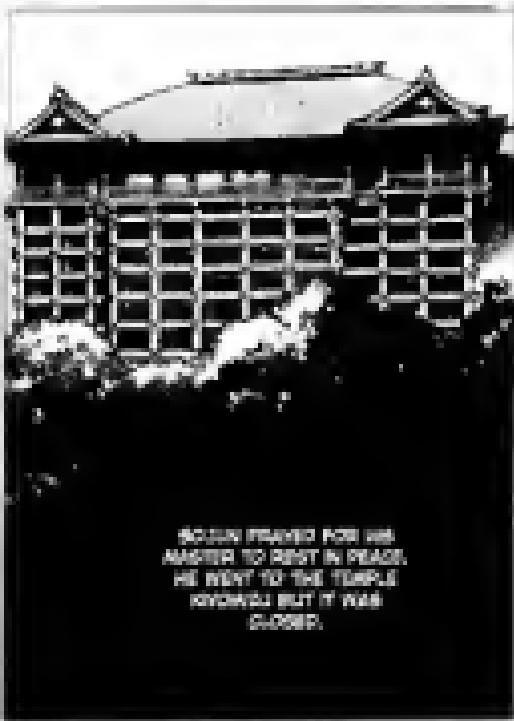


KIAD FELL  
ALONE IN THE  
WOODS. NO ONE  
CAN TAKE IT  
AWAY...

WHAT DID TAKHI  
FOUR YEARS AND A  
HALF BRING ME...?  
EVERYTHING IS  
COLLAPSING... IT'S  
THE END...

WHAT WILL I  
DO?  
WHAT;  
MONEY NOT  
THAT MUCH





SOGO WAITED FOR HIS  
MASTER TO REST IN PEACE.  
HE WENT TO THE TEMPLE  
KOKONOU BUT IT WAS  
CLOSED.







ROBIN  
HOOD-  
PIPER

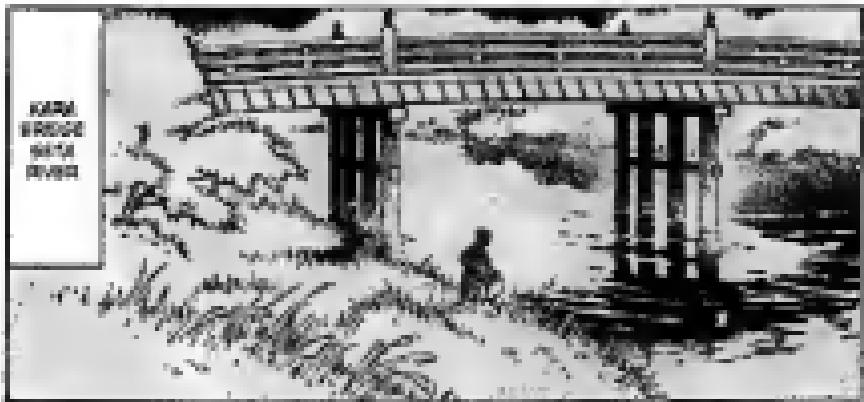


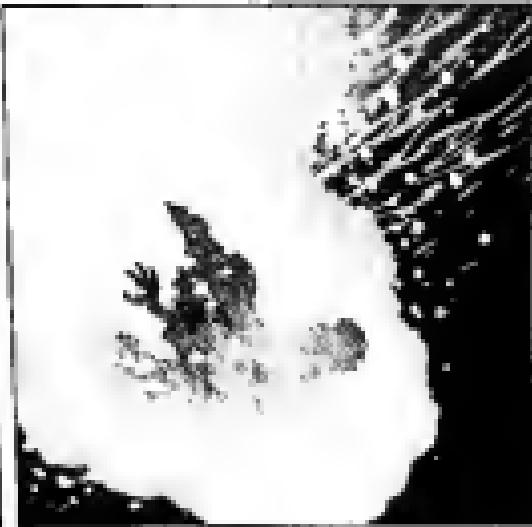
1415



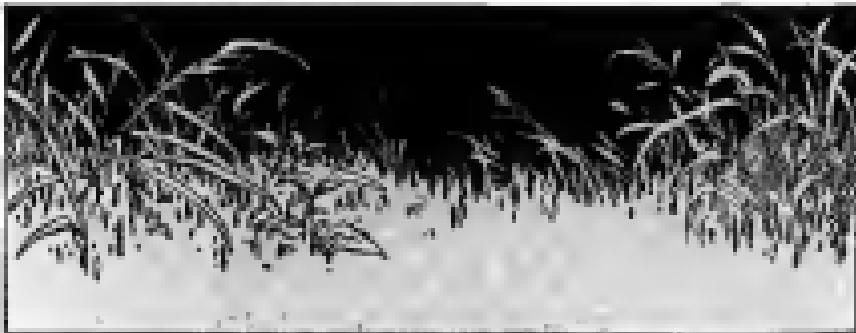












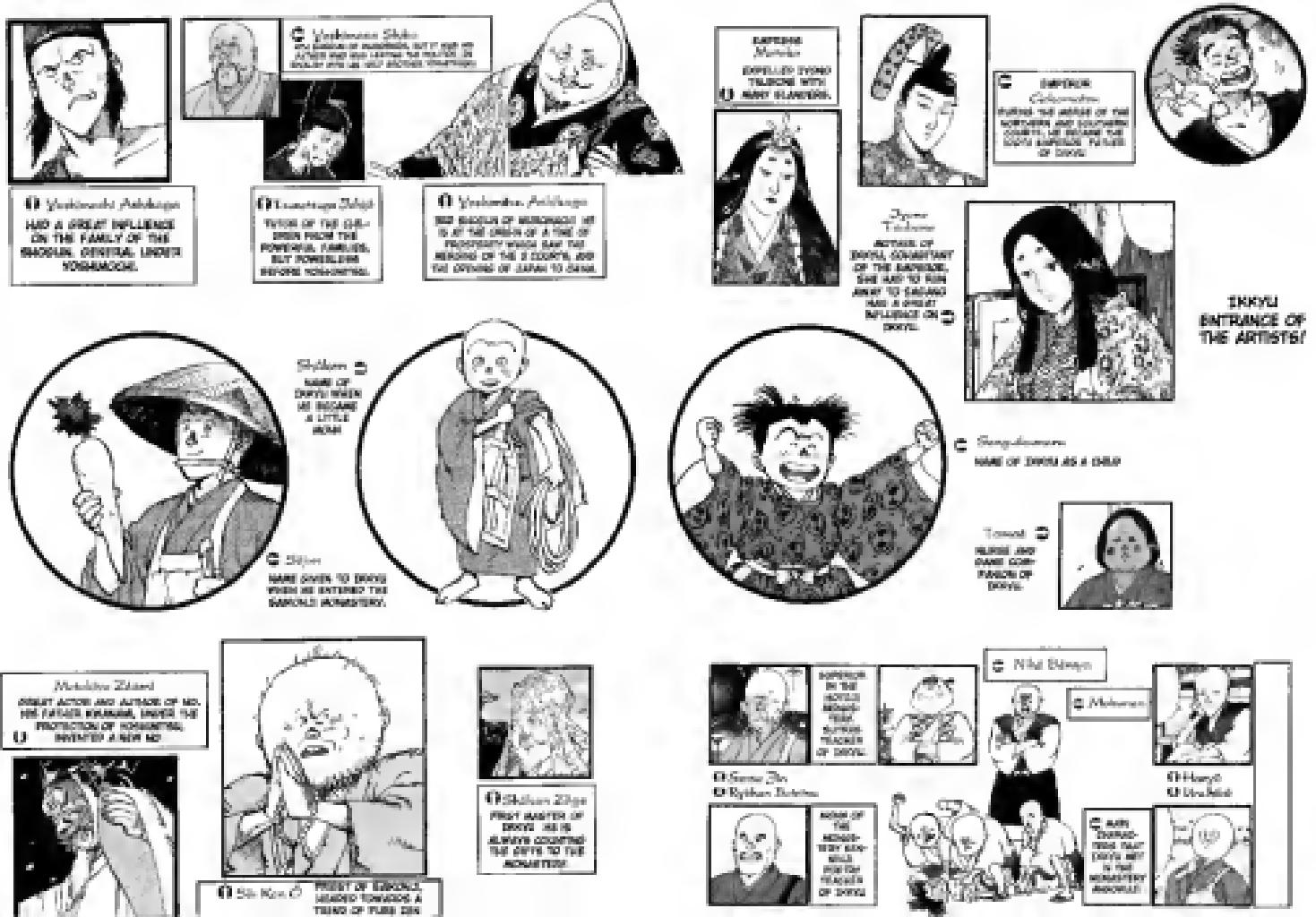


SOJUH, THEN 22 YEARS  
OLD, WAS SITTING ALONG  
THE RIVER. THE FEW  
SUNBEAMS WERE WARMING  
HIM UP...

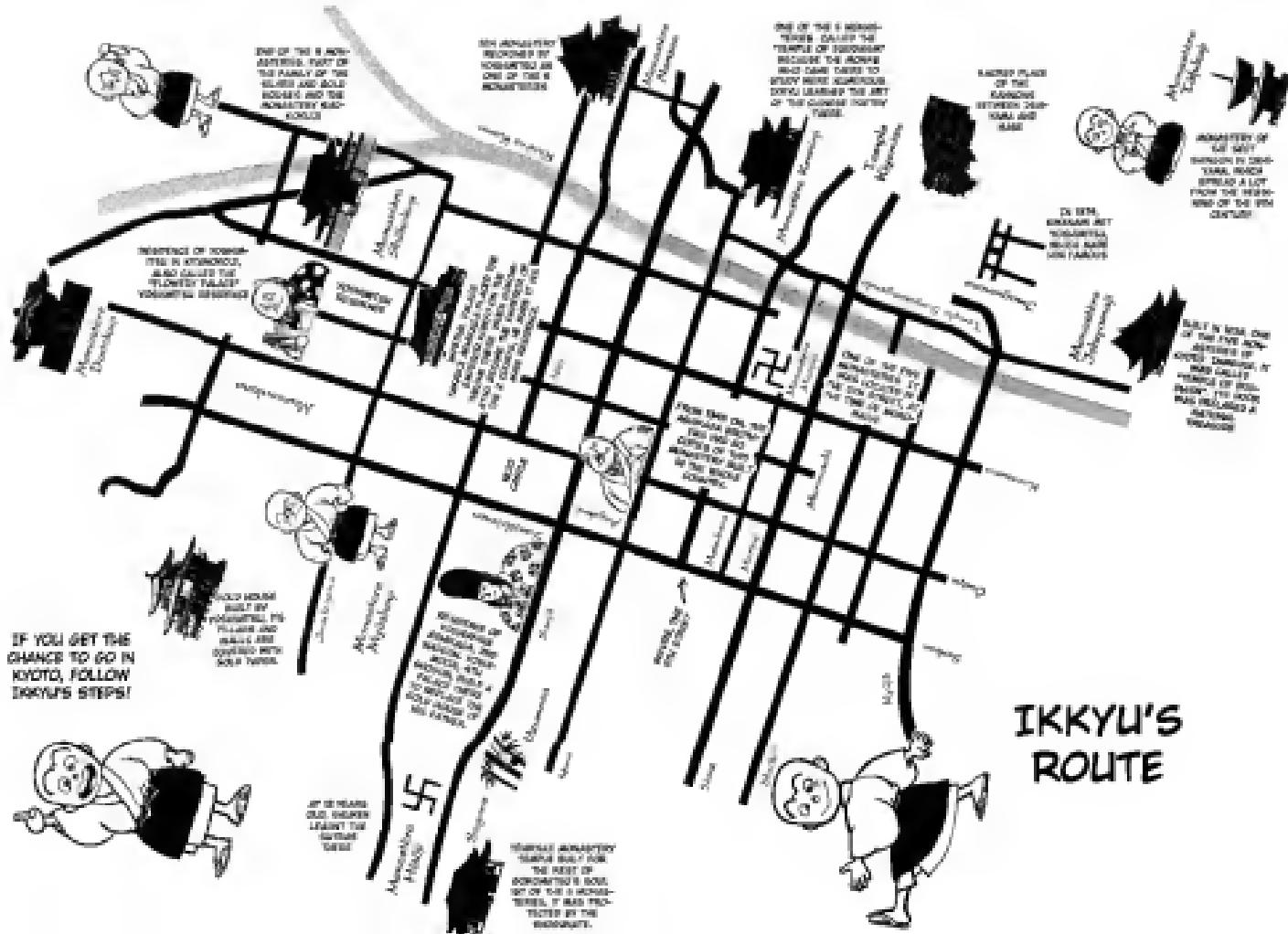




EARTH



## IKKYU'S ROUTE



# IKKYU'S BIOGRAPHY

(CORRESPONDING TO THE PERIOD COVERED  
IN VOLUME 1)

1392	- UNIFICATION OF THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN COUNTIES
Jun. 1394	- BIRTH OF IKKYU IN SASAMO. HIS FATHER IS THE EMPEROR SHOKOMATSU, HIS MOTHER TSUCHI TSURONE.
Jul. 1394	- START OF GEN TOSA, THE SHOGUN YOSHIMITSU ASHIKAGA HANDS THE POWER TO HIS SON, AND BECOMES PRIME MINISTER.
1397	- YOSHIMITSU UNDERSTANDS THE BUILDING OF THE GOLD HOUSE
1399	- IKKYU ENTERS THE AMAGAKU MONASTERY. THE CAPTAIN OUCHI IS BEATEN IN SAKAI BY YOSHIMITSU'S TRUSS.
1401	- THE AMAGAKU MONASTERY SHOKOMATSU BECOMES FIRST RANK, WHILE THE TEIYUJI MONASTERY BECOMES SECOND RANK.
1402	- IKKYU ESTABLISHES HIS THEORY OF THE "FLOWER OF POEM".
1404	- YOSHIMITSU OPENS THE TRADES WITH CHINA.
1405	- SHUKEN ENTERS THE MONASTERY HOTOJI BECAUSE HE'S NOTICED BY SHOKOMATSU.
1406	- AT THE AGE OF 18, SHUKEN LEARNS TO WRITE POEMS IN CHINESE.
1408	- AT THE AGE OF 18, SHUKEN WRITES HIS FIRST POEM, KNOWN BY ALL OF KYOTO. SHOKOMATSU GOES TO THE GOLD HOUSE TO SEE A NO PERFORMANCE WITH IKKYU POEM. IKKYU DIES AT THE AGE OF 61.
1409	- SHUKEN SHOWS A POEM TO SHOKOMATSU THAT HE WROTE, IN WHICH HE CRITICIZES HIS MONASTERY. YOSHIMICHI HAS A NEW PALACE BUILT IN KYOTO.
1410	- SHUKEN BECOMES A DISCIPLE OF KENO, AND IS CALLED SOJUN. THE TEIYUJI MONASTERY BECOMES 1ST RANKED.
1412	- SHOKOMATSU ASSASSINATED.
1413	- SOJUN LEARNED EVERYTHING FROM KENO BUT DIDN'T RECEIVE HIS MASTER'S SEAL. DIED FOR THIS.
Dec. 1414	- KENO DIES. SOJUN GOES TO THE MONASTERY IN SHIRYAKA, THEN THROWS HIMSELF IN THE RIVER, BUT DIDN'T MANAGE TO END HIS LIFE..

TO BE CONTINUED...